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Eisenhower To Lead Europe

13-NATION ARMY TO FIGHT AGGRESSION

Germany Back In The Military Map

BRUSSELS, Dec. 19 (PTI-Reuter)

THE North Atlantic Council today switched over from 'the realm of talk to the realm of action' when it unanimously voted for the appointment of General Eisenhower as Supreme Commander of the Atlantic defence forces.

Vanquished Germany was given a new role of honour when the Council outlined the part that nation would assume in the integrated force.

General Eisenhower who received today more authority than he held in the last war or than that given to Marshall Foch in World War One was preparing to leave for Europe to lay the ground work for his gigantic task.

Within four hours of the announcement that General Dwight Eisenhower had been appointed Supreme Commander The North Atlantic Pact Council announced here that:

(1) All national units assigned to him would be integrated into an effective force:

(2) American and French forces in Germany would come under the Supreme Command;

(3) Germany would assume a part in common defence;

A spokesman said a plan had been approved authorising creation of German tactical air units to support German combat teams in the Atlantic Army.

4. A Defence Production Board with wide powers would be established. and

5. A supreme leader on the production side comparable to General Eisenhower's military command would be appointed.

ACHESON'S CALL

Mr. Dean Acheson the United States Secretary of State urged on the Defence and Foreign Ministers of the 12 nations represented that they should place their forces under General Eisenhower.

Mr. Acheson said the forces now available "are not adequate and must be built up with the utmost speed."

Without support of an adequate arms programme, air and naval forces were not sufficient for the task they faced.

Mr. Acheson did not think any of the steps taken so far were adequate to meet the situation.

The United States had already taken steps to appropriate millions of dollars for the current fiscal year for the defence programme at home and abroad.

He said Washington would shortly annaunce that American forces in Germany would come under the Supreme Command.

It was at first stated that British as well as American and French Occupa-

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MORE FORCES TO BE SENT

Truman On New Atlantic Army

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (PTI-Reuter).

PRESIDENT TRUMAN said today that additional forces would be sent to Europe as part of the new North Atlantic Army as soon as it was possible to get them ready.

The President who was speaking at his Press Conference, also said the newly-appointed Supreme Commander General Eisenhower, would be going to Europe as soon as possible.

President Truman said today he "refused" to dismiss Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

He made that statement at the news conference when asked about the demands from Republicans in Congress for him to dismiss Mr. Acheson.

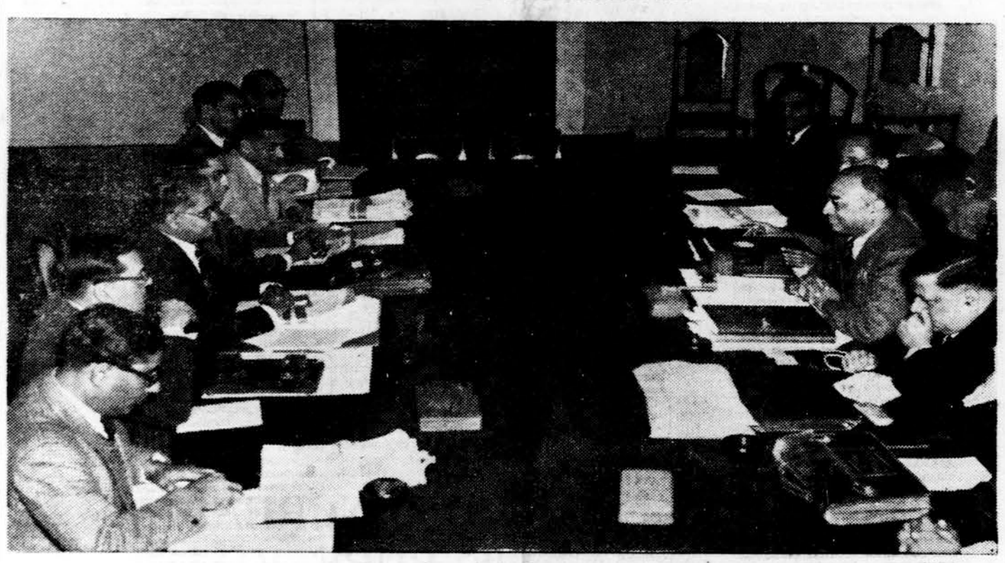
The President said that if communism were to prevail, Mr. Acheson would be one of the first if not the first men to be shot by the enemies of liberty and Christianity.

President Truman

President Truman took the unusual step of reading a lengthy statement to his Press Conference at dictation speed pointing out how Mr. Acheson had consistently been an enemy of communism for years and how communism would be served by his dismissal

In the discussion which followed the reading of his statement, President Truman denied that there was any wave of isolationism sweeping across the United States.

He agreed with correspondents that a large part of the mail reaching the White House could be summed up in one word fight".



INDO-PAK CONFERENCE

A three-day Conference between India and Pakistan commenced in New Delhi on December 18 to discuss outstanding financial matters between the two countries. The Pakistan Delegation is led by Mr Mamtaz Hussain, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Pakistan Government, whereas the Indian Delegation is led by Mr. H. M. Patel, Secretary, Ministry of Defence. The former includes: Mr. H. A. Majid, Chief Secretary, Punjab (P); Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed; Mr. Zahiruddin Ahmed, Deputy Secretary, Finance and a representative of the State Bank of Pakistan; Mr. Hamid Ali, Finance Secretary, Government of East Bengal and Mr. Z. Ahmed. The latter includes: Mr. S. K. Banerji; Mr. S. Dutt, Secretary, E. A. Ministry and Mr. B. B. Das Gupta, Finance Secretary, Government of West Bengal.

HEAVY BOMBING OF CHINESE FORCES

U. S. Garrison Fighting Back To The Wall

TOKYO, Dec. 19, (PTI-Reuter).

UNITED NATIONS fighters and light bombers screaming low over the North Korean roads were today hitting hard at Chinese reinforcements streaming south to jo in the Communist assault on hard-pressed Hungnam.

Allied warships of the east coast port continued to hurl heavy shells into the Chinese forces trying to push the fighting American garrison back towards the sea.

Carrier based Navy and marine planes strengthened by the arrival of the escort carrier "Batan" were throwing their full weight into the defence of the perimeter.

The Americans after battling all night in the light of star shells against sharp enemy attacks were holding all their positions, this afternoon's communique stated. An air strip six miles from Hungnam was overrun by the enemy during the week-end, it was disclosed.

MORE ACTIVITY

Attacking Chinese were said to have been joined by some North Korean units and pilots reported "every indication of increased enemy activity south of Hyesanjin (on the Yalu River directly to the north where the American Seventh Infantry Division units reached the Manchurian border four weeks ago).

General MacArthur's intelligence staff said today that 18 rearmed North Korean Divisions were now lined alongside over a quarter of a million Chinese massed 70 miles north of the 38th Parallel

About 50,000 North Korean conscripts and recruits were also being trained in Manchuria where they were safe from United Nations air attacks.

The great Chinese force ranged along the 39th Parallel, seventy miles north of the main Allied army in the northwest was under non-stop air attack today, but still showed no sigh of striking.

The lull in the north-west where General Walton Walker's Eighth Army was strengthening its defence line covering Seoul, the southern capital was broken only by small patroll clashes in the no-man's land between the two forces.

GUERILLAS ADVANCING

The North Korean official radio broadcasting from Kanggye in the mountainous north claimed that Communist guerilla forces in South Korea had now joined up and were advancing on the major cities of Taejon, Taegu and Pusan, the United Nations main port of supply.

Teajon and Taegu are key points on the road from Pusan to Seoul.

NORTH KOREAN CLAIM

Last night's North Korean Communique quoted by Moscow Radio claimed the "liberation" last Friday of dozens of towns on the 38th parallel.

Units of the People's army killed or wounded more than 900 enemy officers and men. More than 140 prisoners were taken, the communique said.

It claimed the capture of four 120 millimetre guns, three 105 millimetre guns, ten light and heavy machine guns, 25 lorries, over 300 cases of shells and other materials.

Prisoners Are Better Off

SECUNDERABAD, Dec. 19 (UPI): A "C" Class prisoner in the State gets 84 chataks of foodgrains a week, while a citizen gets only 42 chataks.

This has provoked a good deal of criticism in the law—abiding citizen.

While the rice quantum of a "C" Class prisoner is 24 chataks per week, a citizen gets only seven chataks for the same period.

'WANTED' RED ARRESTED IN CITY

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

S. G. Patkar, General Secretary of the Bombay Girni Kamgar Union and a prominent Bombay Communist who was wanted by the Police for the last two years, was arrested at Parel this evening under the Preventive Detention Act.

NETTING A HUSBAND

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (PTI). Mr. Rohini Kumar Chaudhary (Assam) said in Parliament today that in his part of the country a young woman learnt to spin silk to win a good husband.

He was urging inclusion of Assam silk in the definition of "Khadi" during the debate on the Bill to regulate the use of Khadi as a trade description.

Mr. Chaudhary said modern girls in other parts of the country used lipstick and wore geogette sarees to attract bridegrooms, but in Assam they "spin silk to be eligible for a suitable marriage."

The Commerce Minister, Mr Sri Prakasa was heard to ask amidst laughter: "You mean she who does not spin will remain a spinster?"

WORLD FOOD SUPPLY FOR 1950-51

Slight Improvement

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19, (UPI): Although world food production has increased during the last year, the total food supply for 1950-51 is likely to be only slightly better in quantity and nutritive value than in the preceding year, accoding to a report released by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations entitled "World Outlook and State of Food and Agriculture—1950."

The increase in crop production will barely keep pace with population growth. Increases in the output of meat and livestok products may be somewhat greater than for crops. Fish production may be curtailed.

All in all, world food supplies will be somewhat larger but there may be no gain of consequence in some of the regions where improvement is needed most.

Evacuation Of Indians From Hanoi

PARIS, Dec. 19 (PTI-Reuter): Families of Indian residents in Hanoi and Haiphong will be evacuated next week, Agence France Presse reported today from Saigon.

Two aircraft will carry out the evacuation.

There are six hundred Indian residents in Tongking, including 50 women and children in Hanoi and Haiphong, the report said.

CONTEST: The Justice Party will contest the ensuing general elections according to a resolution passed at a conference of the Party at Tiruvennamalai.

Fontier Gandhi Well Says Pakistan

KARACHI, Dec. 19 (PTI).

The Pakistan Government tonight issued a press note on the health of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan who is now under detention.

The press note said: "Enquiries made today of the Punjab Government show that Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan is in good health".

CRASHED PLANE DISCOVERED

All Aboard Found Dead In Nilgiris

BANGALORE, Dec. 19, (PTI).

ALL the 20 people on board an Air-India Dakota missing since Wednesday last were found dead, a military search party reported tonight after examining the wreckage discovered this morning in the Denad Reserve Forest near Kilkotagiri 40 miles north of Coimbatore.

The party found the plane completely disintegrated and the bodies in a decomposed state. Apparently there was no fire but there was some sort of explosion.

The members of the party and medical units from Wellington had to crawl to reach the scene of disaster.

The mail was found mostly intact. Mr. Vishwanathan, Inspector of Post Offices, Coonoor, has salvaged most of the mail.

The wreckage was reached by various search parties through dense forest and precipirous pathways. Mr. Kesavan Unni Nair, Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras said the spotting of the plane was delayed because of the dangerous terrain.

Kilkotagiri in the Nilgiris, is about 6,000-foot high.

The plane, missing between Bangalore and Coimbatore, carried 16 passengers, seven of them foreign, and a crew of four, all Indians.

Among the foreign passengers was Prof. Abrahm Wald, an American expert on statistical theories, who had come to India a fortnight ago to attend the Indian Science Congress to be held in Bangalore on January 2 next year.

The plane, which was on a scheduled flight between Madras and Trivandrum last contacted Coimbatore airport for bearings at 10-20 a.m. on Wednesday. It was due to land at the Coimbatore airport twelve minute later.

LIST OF PASSENGERS

The following is the list of passengers:

Crew (all Indians): Capt. A. B. Wisemen; R. N. Ayre (Co-pilot); K. A. Senoy (Radio officer); Miss Staggs (air hostess).

Passengers from Madras to Trivandrum:—Prof. Wald (American); Mrs. Wald (American); Mrs. H. Thein (British); Mr. R. A. Krishnan (Indian)

Passengers from Madras to Cochin:—Mr. R. D. Robey (British); Mrs. Robey (British); Mr. C. G. Marshall (British); Mr. W. F. Saile (Swiss).

Passengers from Madras to Combatore:—Mr. Vincent (Indian).

The following are the seven passengers who boarded the plane at Bangalore: Brig Agaya Singh, P. L. Kapur, K. R. Bhadran, C. P. Harry, K. G. B. Menon J. B. Sud, C. Luke.

All of them are Indians.

TWO U.S. SERVICE PLANES MISSING

44 Men Aboard Search In Pacific

TOKYO, Dec. 19 (PTI-Reuter): Two United States service planes carrying 44 men between them were reported missing today in the Pacific.

An Air Force C-54 transport with 30 passengers and a crew of seven was lost between Okinawa and the Clark Air Force base in the Philippines.

A twin-engined Navy patrol bomber with seven men aboard vanished on a tactical training mission from the Whidbey Island Naval air station near Seattle. It was presumed down hundreds of miles out in the Pacific.

The C-54 broke off contact only 35 minutes from its destination.

The Navy later said 11 people (not seven as they stated earlier) were aboard the Navy patrol bomber.

American and Canadian air and sea craft joined in the search for the plane today.

Punjab Procures More Rice But Exports Less

SIMLA, Dec. 19, (PTI): The Punjtb Government has procured 60,000 tons of rice this year as against 53,000 tons of last year, it was learnt today. It is further learnt that the Government has decided to export 27,500 tons of rice to deficit areas this vear as against 33,000 tons of last year.

French Firms To Help Build Bakra Dam

PARIS, Dec. 19 (PTI-Reuter): Negotiations have begun here for the French participation in the construction of Bakra dam in India. Sardar Sarup Singh, Indian Government delegate is discussing this with representatives of three large French companies— Enterprise Metropolitans Coloniales, Societe de Construction des Batignolles, and Enterprises Leon Ballot.

Simplicity Of The Sardar

LUCKNOW, Dec. 19. (PTI). Speaking in the U. P. Legislation Assembly which was adjourned later as a mark of respect to the memory of Sardar Patel, the Chief Minister of the State Mr. Govind Vallabh Pant said: "Son of a peasant family as he was, the Sardar lived a plain life. During their internment in Ahmednagar Fort, the Sardar had recounted his experience as a law student in London where he walked by foot every day the ten-mile distance between the Inns of Courts and his own residence in London."

STRIKE IN KANPUR

KANPUR, Dec. 19 (PTI): Three hundred workers of the Kanpur region of the Uttar Pradesh Government Roadways went on a lightning strike today. They demanded reinstatement of a worker alleged to have been dismissed without a proper charge-sheet. The strikers also wanted that all daily wage workers should be made permanent.

Tragedy Behind Strange Practice

LUCKNOW, Dec. 19 (PTI): Lepers in Aunsar Bawar aboringinal area of Uttar Pradesh are forced to commit suicide by drowning themselves in Yamuna because they believe that thereby the rest of the family becomes immune to the disease.

U. P.'s Health Minister Mr. Chandra Bhanu Gupta who disclosed today this strange practice among the sixty thousand poverty stricken primitives in this partially excluded area of Dehra Dun District said that the whole procedure was "grim and full of tragedy."

London Paper On Kashmir Issue

LONDON, Dec. 19 (PTI-Reuter):—"The Times" in an editorial this morning stressed the urgency of finding a solution for outstanding Indo-Pakistan disputes, especially the Kashmir issue, in the interests of the security of the two countries and of Asia" and suggested that a discussion of the Kashmir question at the forthcoming Conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers was inevitable.

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IT MAY MEAN WAR OR PEACE

LONDON, Dec. 19 (PTI).

AMERICA and the western powers today took a fateful decision at Brussels which may well mean peace or war depending on the effectiveness of the decisions in the next few weeks and the probable answer to them from the Eastern Bloc, writes PTI special correspondent at London.

It was not expected that the Soviet notes, to Britain and France last week giving an advance warning, that Russia would not tolerate a resurgence of the German Army in any circumstances and a move to recreate such an army would be a clear breach of the Anglo-Soviet and the Franco-Soviet treaties of friendship, would make any difference to the western powers meeting at Brussels.

In fact, this was the second warning by Russia on the subject of Germany. She had already recorded on October 18 that she "would not tolerate" any effort to revive German militarism in any shape or form.

WHAT WILL THEY SAY?

The immediate question is what will be the reaction of Western and Eastern Germany to the proposal of the Atlantic powers for inclusion of German land and air units in the European Army under General Eisenhower.

The East German Government has already said that it could not tolerate any move which would jeopardise the unifiction of Germany. West German Chancellor Dr. Adenauer, has made it equally clear that Germany would insist on complete "equality" in participating in the Atlantic Pact; in other words, recognition of a national status for West Germany implying the end of a state of war and the creation of a national army which could take part "on equal terms" under its own chiefs of staff in a European defence scheme.

But Germans of all parties are pessimistic and see little chance of the western powers inviting Germanv into the Atlantic Pact on these terms

The popular German opinion was summed up by the Social Democratic leader Dr. Schumacher when he said that discussions at Brussels on German rearmament were unreal, because Germany should be given "military equality" with other pact nations, but only after she had regained political sovereignty. Any attempt to bypass this, he said, would produce a "national movement against rearmament."

NO CANNON FODDER

On an earlier occasion he also stated quite categorically what is in many German minds, that Germans would not allow themselves to be the "first cannon fodder" in an east-west shooting war, but wanted immediately by their side increased American divisions and equipment.

French reaction in recent weeks has been remarkably unenthusiastic. Apart **from the traditional fear of a German** military revival, French politicians are genuinely agitated by the Soviet warning. In last week's debate in the French Assembly on foreign affairs, both M. Kaqes Bardoux, leader of the rightwing Peasant Party and M. Daniel Mayer for the Socialist Party besought the Government to be careful in acquiescing in rearming Germany in the face of the Soviet warnings.

French observers draw a parallel between the Soviet warnings over Germany and the Chinese warning over the crossing of the 38th Parallel in Korea. For this reason, French leaders including the Premier M. Pleven have been pressing in recent weeks for a four-power meeting with Russia before or at least simultaneously with the Brussels Conference.

On the military side, French leaders feel that in any case a German army will take two years to play an effective role in war. In the event of an immediate move by the Russian and East German armies, France would have to bear the first brunt, a prospect which is not at all pleasing to Frenchmen of all shades of opinion.

The communique today stressed the "unanimity" with which decisions were taken at Brussels and also the defensive nature of the North Atlantic Treaty organisation. But uneasiness in western capitals has not been diminished by such assurances.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 2nd January, 1951, to THURSDAY, the 11th January, 1951, both days inclusive.

The Dividend Warrants will be posted to the registered addresses of the Ordinary Shareholders.

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The DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be posted to the registered addresses of the ordinary shareholders.

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THACKERSEY MOOLJEE & CO.,
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The ordinary shareholders at Ahmedabad are advised to receive payments of their dividends from Mr. Motilal Govindlal Kasondas, residing at Hari Bhakti Pole, Sankdi Sheri, Ahmedabad on presenting their share certificates and the warrants duly signed.

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Bombay, 18th December, 1950. (9316)

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Candidates called for interview will be required to attend at the Undertaking's Head Office in Bombay at their own expense.

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QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT

PLANNING BODY HAS NOT YET FORMULATED PLAN

No Chinese Accreditation To Consul In Kashgar

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19, (PTI).

THE Prime Minister Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru told Parliament today that the Planning Commission proposed to draw up an interim plan for the next year or two, besides the five year plan.

Mr. Nehru who was replying to Prof K. T. Shah in the House said that the Planning Commission was in consultation with the State Governments and the Central Governmen. It was a "modest organisation" and it did not wish to interfere with the work of the State Governments or the Central Government. When reference was made, it gave its opinion. It might suggest that the Governments might concentrate on some activities and give priorities to some. It was for the State Governments and the Central Government to implement them. The Planning Commission could only indicate what was important.

The Planning Commission the Prime Minister said, had not yet formulated its plan. It had, therefore, made no recommendations for grants to State Governments or proposed expenditure on any new central projects. The Commission hoped to consider the development plans for the next five years for the centre and the states and make their recommendations in regard to them to the Governments concerned. The Governments would no doubt take them into consideration before finalising their budgets for the ensuing year.

Replying to another question by Prof. Shah, the Prime Minister said that the Planning Commission was in cuch with the progress of work in connection with the census operations. The Commission was consider-

Mr. Deshbandhu Gupta—Has it suggested any means of controlling population?

Mr. Nehru—Most of the means are well known.

No Chinese Recognition To Indian Consul

The Chinese Government are unwilling to accept the accredition of a new Indian Consul at Kashgar, according to a written reply by the Prime Minister Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru.

Answering Mr. H. V. Kamath, the Prime Minister said that the Indian consulate at Kashgar had not been closed and a subordinate officer was left in charge when the previous incumbent left on September 11, 1950.

The Chinese Government were unwilling to accept the accreditation of the new incumbent till the question if the establishment of consulates of other nations in that part of the country had been settled.

RETRENCHMENT

The Minister of Industry and Supply Mr. Harekrushna Mahtab informed Mr. Kesava Rao that as a measure of economy because of a reduction in work on certain activities it had been decided to retrench a number of bazetted and non-gazetted personnel in the Ministry and not to fill up some vacant posts. The number of posts already reduced was 3,858 including 109 gazetted, 1,900 non-gazetted and 1,849 class four while it was proposed to further reduce 74 gazetted posts. 1,038 non-gazetted posts and 1,117 class four posts. The axe fell mostly in the Directorate General (Disposals) and Directorate-General (Supplies).

The Industry Minister said that correspondence was now taking place between the Government of India and the Government of Saurashtra for starting new salt industries.

The Minister was replying to a quesion on the development of salt industry with particular reference to salt controllers department.

The Minister said that reorganisation of the department was now under consideration of the Government.

IMPORT OF CYCLES

Mr. Karmarkar, Deputy Minister for Commerce, told the House that during the period January-June 1950, the number of licences granted for the import of bicycles and bicycle accessories were 521 and 169 respectively. The value for which the above licences had been issued, was Rs. 1,38,48,086 and Rs. 15,20,023 respectively.

He also told the House that the licences were granted not on the basis of quantity of bicycles and spare parts to be imported, but on the basis of the total value in terms of money. But while giving the licences the Government took into consideration of the requirements of the country also.

According to the estimate made by the Tariff Board, the total requirements of bicycles for 1950-51 was 3,75,000 as against India's total production of 125,000, he added.

Compensation For Col. Nayar's Family

Prime Minister Nehru told Parliament today that Government had provisionally decided to pay the following compensation to the members of Col. Unni Nayar's family, who had died while on duty in Korea.

To the widow Rs. 4,800 representing three months' pay of the late Col. Nayar and a monthly pension of Rs. 200 with effect from the 13th August, 1950, until her death, or, should she decide to remarry, until the date of such marriage, whichever took place earlier;

'KASHMIR PLEDGE' HAS NO SUPPORTERS

In a written reply in Parliament today Prime Minister Nehru said the "Kashmir liberation Pledge," a movement about which there had been considerable publicity in the Pakistan press, had not received "any public or general support in other countries." It appeared that many of the signatures to the "Pledge" were obtained in Pakistan itself from foreign residents or visitors.

He said there had been no correspondence with Pakistan on this subject nor was any correspondence considered necessary. Government had, however, or more than one occasion drawn the Pakistan Government's attention to the continuance of anti-Indian propaganda in a large section of the Pakistan press.

DETAILS

Giving details of the movement, the Prime Minister said the Government had seen reports in the Pakistan press of a campaign organised by a body called the Motameri-i-Alam-i-Islami (world Muslim conference) which had been recently established in Pakistan with some prominent Pakistan nationals as its office-bearers. It was stated that the Muslim conference had been collecting signatures for a so-called Kashmir Liberation Pledge. Much publicity had been given in the Pakistan press and radio to the signature campaign.

ALL OVER A COMMA

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (PTI).

Discussion on the Labour Minister's Employers' Liability (Amendment) Bill 1950 had not concluded, when the Parliament adjourned till tomorrow.

Mr. Jagjivan Ram told the House that the amendment had been necessitated by the absence of a comma in the original enactment. For want of a comma, the Privy Council had held in a Lahore Case that the defence of "common employment" was still available to the employer. Under this doctrine an employer could plead that he was not liable to pay damages to a workman for injuries resulting from the default of a fellow workman. It was hitherto assumed that this defence would no longer be available after the passage of the Employers' Liability Act 1938 but the Privy Council decided otherwise on account of the ambiguity in the language. The bill sought to remove that defect.

MOVE TO INCREASE USE OF PURE KHADI

Mr. Sri Prakasa's Bill In Parliament

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19, (PTI).

THE part played by "khadi" in the struggle for freedom was emphasised by the Commerce Minister, Mr. Sri Prakasa, and a number of non-official speakers when Parliament today passed the Khaddar (protection of name) Bill after a two-hour discussion.

The Bill enlarged the definition of the words "khaddar" and "khadi" to include silk and woollen fabrics.

Mr. Sri Prakasa told the House that a model Bill would be circulated to State Governments so that they might take up the necessary legislation to achieve the objective of the Bill.

Some of the speakers wanted Government and the people to give greater encouragement to "khadi".

The House also passed four other Bills—the State Railways Provident Fund (Temporary provisions) Bill, the Indian Nursing Council (amendment) Bill, the Telegraph Wires (unlawful possessions) Bill and the Coal Mines Provident Fund and Bonus Schemes (amendment Bill.

After seventy minute's discussion Parliament today passed the State Railway Provident Fund (Temporary Provisions) Bill, which makes temporary provisions for the payment of moneys in the State Railway Provident Fund to dependents of deceased displaced persons.

Under the bill, in those cases where records have not been received from Pakistan, the moneys will be paid to dependents of the deceased as if there have been no nominations.

Mr. K. Santhanam, Minister of State for Railways, described the bill as "a measure of mercy" and said it would apply to a few hundred cases including 102 cases in the East Punjab Railway. He expected that all the cases would be disposed of within a few months.

He assured the House that where both the widow and child were absent, their share would go to the aged dependent parents in preference to any other person.

The House passed after a short discussion the Health Minister's Bill to amend the Indian Nursing Council Act of 1947. By the amendment, qualifications granted by any authority in a part B. State and recognised on December 31, 1947 by a nursing councilin any State to which the Act applied, would continue to be recognised even after that date. The Health Minister said, it was a formal measure necessitated by the constitutional changes in the country and pending a decision on the extension of the Act to part B States.

THEFT OF COPPER WIRES

The House then took up consideration of "the Telegraph Wires (unlawful possession) Bill" moved by the Deputy Minister of Communications, Mr. Khurshid Lal. The Bill seeks to regulate possession of copper wires of gauges 150 lbs, 200 lbs and 300 lbs per mile and provides for the punishment of unlawful possession of these wires.

Mr. Khurshid Lal said that the three gauges of wires were exclusively used by the Posts and Telegraphs Department and were not available in the market. But during and after the war, the Disposals sold to the public some of these wires. In recent years, the prices of copper had risen up very high and there had been an alrming increase in the theft of copper wires. In Bihar Postal Circle alone in one year 633 mlies of copper wire was stolen and in another year 348 miles. Orissa, West Bengal and Madras Postal Circles also followed close behind. In view of the sale of such wire by the Disposals, it had been found difficult to prove the identity of the wire in courts.

It was now proposed that all persons having stocks in excess of ten lbs should declare them within a period of six months. Tehreafter within another six months they should either convert the wire into ingots or sell them to the authorities. After that period, if anybody was found in possession of these gauges of wire, he would be presumed to have stolen that wire and the burden of proving that he was innocent was on the accused. However, if the prosecution was against any person who had declared the stock the onus of proof would be on the prosecution. Under the Bill, no prosecution could also be launched without the sanction of the Central Golvernment or an officer empowered on that behalf and only first class magistrates could try such cases.

The Bill was essential in view of the alarming thefts of copper wire which besides causing loss to Government was disrrupting telecommunications.

The members from Bihar, Messrs. B. K. P. Sinha, T. Hussain and Hussain Imam all supported the Bill. Mr. Sinha, however, said that the provision requiring sanction of Central Government for prosecution hsowed distrust of the normal machinery of law and order and it was not desirable.

Replying ot the debate, the Deputy Minister said that apart from the loss to Government, there was a tremendous amount of dislocation in telecommunications and this would become a great menace to the country in times of emergency. According to his information, these stolen wires were being used for the manufacture of utensiles in many places.

In view of the sale of such wire during and after war in the Disposals, the Government had made special provisions in the Bill for saving innocent people. He assured the House that there would be no prosecutions till the expiry of the period prescribed in the Bill.

WOVEN MATERIALS

Parliament then took up consideration of the Khaddar (protection of name) Bill to regulate the use of the words "khaddar" and "khadi" as a trade description of woven materials.

The Commerce Minister, Mr. Sri Prakasa moving the Bill, said that the late Pandit Motilal Nehru had first tried to get legislation to regulate the use of the words "khaddar" and "khadi" in 1929. He, however, died before he could succeed in doing it. Subsequently, in 1934, an Act was passed but it did not stop the sale of spurious khadi as genuine khadi.

Mr. Sri Prakasa said the present Bill enlarged the definition of the words to include silk and woollen fabrics. On the basis of the Bill, a model Bill would be circulated to State governments so that they might take up necessary legislation to achieve the objective of the Bill.

Commending the Bill, Mr. Sri Prakasa said that increased use of pure khadi world help the country's foreign trade as it would enable larger exports of mill cloth. The Bill was warmly supported by a number of members. Mr. Rohini Kumar Chaudhary (Assam) urged the inclusion of Assam silk in the definition of the word "khaddar". Prof. K. K. Bhattacharya (West Bengal) said that silk should not be considered as khadi as it was a symbol of prosperity.

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa said pure khadi was being sold at higher rates at shops run by the All India Spinners' Association than at other private ones. Other supporters of the Bill included Mrs. Uma Nehru, Mr. Jaspat Roy Kapoor and Mr. T. Hussain.

Mr. Sri Prakasa, replying to the debate said that it was not correct to say that silk was merely a symbol of prosperity. Orthodox persons continued to wear silk clothes at meals or while worshipping.

The reason why higher rates were charged for khadi by the All-India Spinners' Association shops, he said, was that the Association was paying higher wages to spinners than private employers. It was not advisable to make law to reduce workers' wages.

MAY HIS SPIRIT SUSTAIN US

Dr. J.N. Mehta's Tribute To Sardar

BOMBAY, Tuesday: "By the Sardar's passing away the country has lost a great administrator, a great soldier and a great leader." In these words, Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta, Minister for Public Works and Housing, paid tributes to the memory of the late Sardar in the course of a message broadcast from the Bombay Station of All India Radio, tonight.

The Minister said: "Of the great personalities that Mahatmaji had gathered round himself in the cause of Indian freedom and Indian welfare since his return from South Africa to India thirty-five years ago, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was amongst the foremost of them. A bold and intrepid fighter and determined in his action that he was, he was gentle to the core at the same time. He was a great organiser, a master of the details of the campaign he planned and chose his men well for the jobs assigned to each of them. He instinctively evokes loyalty and was loyal to his fellow-workers; and would not let them down.

'His was a masterly plan for the redrawing of the map of India which he achieved with great success. By the Sardar's passing away the country has lost a great administrator, a great soldier and a great leader. He has left behind an immortal fame and we pray to God that the spirit which sustained him may sustain the rest of us in carrying out the work he has left behind."

HOMAGE TO SARDAR

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The following organisations have passed resolutions condoling death of Sardar Patel: Bombay Tamil Sangham, Samast Parsi Anjuman.

Dhrol Ruler's Tribute To Sardar

"Nature has dealt a cruel blow in taking away Sardar Patel from us, when his services to our motherland were required more than ever before", said His Highness the Thakore Saheb of Dhrol, a leading member of the Saurashtra Legislative Assembly, expressing his deep regret at the sad demise of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Municipal Body Meeting Postponed: No Quorum

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

An ordinary meeting of the Municipal Improvements Committee called this evening to condole the death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel could not be held for want of a quorum.

Only five members, including the Chairman G. N. Desai were present. At least eight members are required for a quorum.

The meeting was called at 3-15 p.m. —fifteen minutes before an adjourned meeting of the Corporation was to be held. The five members waited for fifteen minutes for the other three members to join them, but were disappointed.

The meeting has been fixed now for Thursday.

QUALIFYING EXAM. FOR ENTRY INTO 'DUFFERIN'

List Of Successful Candidates

BOMBAY Tuesday.

The folowing candidates were successful in the Qualifying Examination (prior to interview and selection) for entry into the Training Ship 'DUFFERIN", held in November 1950

BOMBAY CENTRE

Rosario, A. X., Kalgutkar, S.B Kulkarni, S. M. Peres da Silva, J. A. G., Dighe, S.R., Kucnhur, G.R., D'Mello, J. D., Advani, N. S., Mirchandani, H. A., Dhindsa, B. S., Bahal, S. M., Ambegavkar, A. K., Balchandani, M. M., Ahluwalia, G. S., Pansare, K. E., Marins, H. J., De Souza, W. J., Noronha, J. X., Saldhana, R. J., Soares, C. R. J., Rodricks, Richard, Ezekiel, S. E., Jagtiani, M.S., Dubash. K. N., Bakshi, R. D.

CALCUTTA CENTRE

Affle, A. P., Sinha, R. K., Arratoon, Xavene, Sur Chinmay, Mohanty D.P., Mukerji, A. K., Roy. A. C., Sen D. K., Ghosh, Diptimay.

DELHI CENTRE

Dhan Prakash; Patpatia, P. J. S., Kapur, N. K., Sen, Tridibesh Hampal, H.S., Agrawal S.C., Bhatnagar, P.S., Madan, S. S., Kundra, O.P., Jain, S. P., Gupta. V. K., Gian Sagar; Sarkar, D. K., Singhal J. P., Mehra, R.K., Gopal Krishan; Khanna T. R., Bhalla, R.P.S; Bhalla, A. S., Nayar K. K., Uberoi, J. S., Bhalla, O. P., Kalia, R. C., Chhibba, R. K., Koak, J. S., Saigal, S. K., Bhatia, P N, Khorana, N. N., Kapur, O. P., Krover. A. P., Vij, R. P., Bakshi, T.S., Anand. J. S., Mohinder Pratap;

LUCKNOW CENTRE

Jafari M. A., Yadav, I. P. S: Sharma, S. K., Misra, K. N., Khan. J. A., Raizada, J. B., Srivastava, R.C., Roy, P. K., Rizvi, R. A., Bhaman, S. B., Lalit Mohan; Khare, C. P., Datt, Hari; Kudesia. C. P., Sen Sanjib, Pandey, N. P.

MADRAS CENTRE

Correa, M. X., Cyriac M. C., Gopal B. M., Ramkrishna Iyer, R., Pakki B.S.R.P, Kurivilla, Abraham., Shivprasad, K.N., Ramchandran K.P.

NAGPUR CENTRE

Menezes, L. A.. Tare. M. M., Sumbh, J. S.

Successful candidates will have to report for medical examination, interview by the Governing Body of the Ship and selection at the Bombay University Convocation Hall, Mayo Road, Bombay, from February 1. 1951.

Mr. Vaikunth L. Mehta

Mr. Vaikunth L. Mehta, Minister for Finance, Co-operation and Village Industries, will leave for Bulsar on December 21, and after visiting Ahwa and other surrounding places, will return to Bombay, via Bilimora, on December 24. The same day, the Minister will leave for Mahabaleshwar, and after paying a visit to Wai on December 26, will return to Bombay on December 27.

Cosmic Ray Research

NEW RESULT SOON

BOMBAY, Tuesday: New results in cosmic ray research were expected to be announced shortly from the high-altitude Cosmic Research Station in Switzerland, Prof. P. M. S. Blackett, Nobel Laureate in Physics, announced at the International Conference on "Elementary Particles" here today.

The station is in Jungfraujoch in the Alps. Its location at 12,000 feet above sea level created numerous problems to the builders and scientists, Dr. Blackett said. No heavy apparatus could be carried by normal communication channels to that height, and the scientists took three years to build the big magnet required for the station, he added.

Mr. Sahiar, an Indian nuclear physicist, is among the team at Jungfraujoch station. Mr. Sahiar is a pupil of Dr. H. J. Bhabha and the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bombay.

NEW LIFE IN CHINA

City Exhibition On Role Of Children

BOMBAY Tuesday.

An exhibition of posters depicting the activities of the children of New China was declared open this evening at the Cama Hall by Mr. D. N. Pritt, K. C., former British M. P.

The exhibition has open sponsored by the "Blitz Newsmagazine" and its Editor Mr. R. K Karanjia.

The posters exhibited are the same ones to some of which the All India Women's Conference took objection during the "Children's Week" exhibition organised by it last month. It may be remembered that while inaugurating the Children's Week, Pandit Nehru did not visit the China room in the exhibition since the organisers of the China room did not remove a couple of posters at the request of the conference. The posters depicted a Chinese child killed by an American made shell another child invaded by Japanese soldier.

RIGHT TO DECENT LIVING

A note issued by the organisers of the exhibition today said: "This exhibition depicts the new life, the victory of the Peoples' Revolution has brought to the Chinese people, which has paved the way to a happy life for China's young generation. Before the People's Revolution, the semi-fuedal and semi-colonial society of China gave the children nothing but hunger, sickness and death. The New People's Government guarantees the children's right to decent living and education...."

Mrs. Karanjia who presided today, referred to the action of the All India Women's Conference in "forcibly closing down" the exhibition as "scandal" and stated that there was nothing in the posters which could warrant such an attitude to be taken by the Conference

Mr. Pritt said that it was interesting to follow how the Government of New China was attempting to wipe out the sorrows of the children and create conditions for them where they could have a glorious future. He was sure, he said that the People's Government would pool in all their resources and care continuously for the welfare of children

Referring to the action of the All India Women's Conference Mr. Pritt said that it amounted to "suppression" of truth Why should not the truth be told" he asked. To keep silent about the atrocities committed on children would be to encourage a lie. Only by speaking out the truth could one prevent further atrocities.

The exhibition entrance fee to which is an anna will be open daily from 12 noon to 8 p.m

BROADCAST RECEIVER LICENCES

Procedure For Issue And Renewal

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Consequent upon the introduction of revised procedure regarding the issue and renewal of Broadcast Receiver Licences (Radio licences); according to which all types of radio licences expire on December 31 of each year, the existing practice of issuing expiry notices (First Notice) and renewal notces (Second Notice) for broadcast receiver licences and notices of expiration for Commercial Broadcast, Dealers and Demonstration Licences will be abandoned in respect of all licences having December 31 of each year as their date of expiry.

Expiry, renewal notices and notices of expiration in respect of licences not having December 31 as their date of expiry will continue to issue as before.

It has also been decided that, with effect from August 1, 1950 the rebate of Rs. 5 mentioned in condition 9 of the licence will not be allowed for renewal of Commercial Broadcast Receiver Licences. Licence fee at the full rate (Rs. 50) will be payable.

Special arrangements will be made for the renewal of Broadcast Receiver Licences at the following offices from December 20, 1950 to January 14, 1951.

Stock Exchange Ranade Road.

From 10 a.m. to 5-30 p.m.

Bombay G.P.O., Mandvi, Kalbadevi, Girgaon, Grant Road, Dadar, Maunga.

From 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Broadcast Receiver Licences will be issued at all Post Offices as usual, but the public are advised to present their licences at the above-mentioned Post Offices where special staff will attend to them.

Commercial Bradcast Receiver Licences and Dealers and Demonstration Licences only will continue to be issued by the office of the Postmaster-General, Bombay (Wireless Section), from 10-30 a.m. to 1-30 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 12-30 p.m. on Saturdays.

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CORPORATION DOES AWAY WITH 'RACE AND CASTE'

Instruction To Commissioner

BOMBAY, Tuesday

THE City Corportaion informed the Municipal Commissioner today by means of a resolution which was passed by that body unanimously, that in future when preparing the Bombay Municipal Corporation List showing names of employees etc., the column "race or caste" should be deleted and that such distinctions should also be removed in the working of the Municipal administration or any of the Municipal departments.

The resolution which was moved by Mr. Jehangir R. Daruvala said that this was desirable "in view of the fact that upon India attaining the status of Sovereign Democratic Republic, the Government of the country have declared it to be a secular State, abolishing all distinctions of religion or caste".

The resolution was carried unanimously. Mr. S. K. Patil Mayor presided.

MUNICIPAL THEATRES

Mr. Dinker Desai then moved that the "Law, Revenue and General Purposes Committee be requested to consider, in consultation with the Commissioner, and report on the desirablity of submitting detailed proposals for municipalising cinema theatres in Greater Bombay including proposals for suggesting amendments to the Municipal Act if necessary".

In support of his resolution, Mr. Desai said that this was not an unusual feature of the municipalties of many European countries including Denmark. The Municipality could take some years to build a theatre of their own, but they could immediately embark on the municipalisation of the cinema houses.

Mr. Naushir Bharucha who supported the motion said that the municipalisation of the BEST had meant a saving of income-tax which the old company paid and which now formed a part of the BEST profits. This had increased the Municipal revenues by about Rs. 25 lakhs. If cinemas were municipalised, there would be more revenue to the Municipality and without such fresh sources, the Bombay Municipality could never balance its budget.

Mr. M. Harris said that municipalisation of cinemas had been supported by even socially reactionary papers.

Dr. J. A. Collaco opposing said that nationalisation had been a costly failure in England where coal had to be imported from America. It would be equally disastrous in India.

The proposition was thrown out on a vote.

Replying to questions, the Municipal Commissioner Mr. B. K. Patel said that out of 7,147 samples of milk taken from milk shops in the city between April 1 to October 15, 2,053 samples had been found to be adulterated. No samples had been checked from Government centres.

THE INDIAN NOVEL IN ENGLISH

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

In an interesting lecture on 'Indian Novel in English' delivered under the auspices of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, today, Prof. E. L. Rodrigues stressed the difficulties and disabilties under which the Indian Novelist in English labours among which he instanced the projudices against him and the problem of language and material. Discussing certain outsanding novelists, the lecturer thought Mulk Raj Anand to be the most pwerful and forecul of them all and characterised R. K. Narayan as a novelist who is primarily an artist concerned with technique and character.

Principal G. C. Bannerjee presided and Prof. Lyle proposed the vote of thanks.

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Mehta Welcomes Electoral Bill

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mr. Asoka Mehta, General Secretary of the Socialist Party, in a statement today said that there were certain features of the People's Representation Bill no 2, 1950 that "deserve our support" because they embodied precautions necessary for fair and free elections.

Mr. Mehta added: "It is necessary to fix a limit on the expenses of the elections. Now that the transport of voters has been prohibited the limit can be brought down to Rs. 3,000 for a constituency to the State Legislature and Rs. 7,00 for a constituency to the House of People. In a Bill that contains so many welcome features, it is disturbing to find provisions made in a plural constituency for distributive voting. Plural constituency with cumulative voting would have assuerd representation to minority opinions enjoying substantial support.

"It is not clear from the press summary available whether the voters in a plural constituency have a right to exercise only one out of two votes that they may be entitled to cast".

Two other suggestions that were made by the free and fair elections conference, needed to be considered by the Select Committee, Mr. Mehta said.

The first was the provision of free postage facilities for posting the manifesto by a candidate to his voters. The second suggestion was that the election authorities should communicate to every voter the place, date and time of the elections and his roll number.

KANNADA SAHITYA SAMMELAN IN CITY

Diwakar To Inaugurate

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The 34th Kannada Sahitya Sammelan will be inaugurated by Mr. R. R. Diwakar, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, at the C. J. Hall on December 24.

Mr. K. H. Kabbur, President of the Reception Committee told the press at a tea-party at the Eros Restaurant today that Mr. M. Govind Pai, the first Kannada Poet Laureate of Madras will preside over the Sammelan.

The main feature of the Sammelan will be an exhibition of arts, crafts, paintings and photographs by Kannada artists at the Convocation Hall. It will be inaugurated by Bombay's Minister for Forests and Agriculture, Mr. M. P. Patil on December 23.

The Sixth All Karnatak Journalists Conference to be presided over by Mr. H. R. Moharay, Editor, "Samyukta Karnatak", Hubli, and member of the A.I.N.E.C. will also be held at the same time in the University School of Economics and Sociology Lecture Hall.

Another attractive feature of the Sammelan will be an entertainment programme in which leading Kannada artistes, both professional and amateurs, will participate.

Mr. Kabbur concluded by saying that the Sammelan offered "a unique opportunity to the three lakhs of Kannadigas in Bombay to meet and welcome some of their most outstanding literary men."

Cold Spell Over N. Rajasthan

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 19 (PTI): The following is the daily weather summery for December 19th.

The secondary disturbance over East Rajasthan lies this morning over North Madhya Bharat, Vindhya Pradesh, and the adjoining districts of Uttar Pradesh .It is likely to move eastwards.

Weather has been dry over the country except for a few falls of rain in northeast Assam.

Night temperatures were 6 degrees—12 degrees. F. below normal in Rajasthan, Saurashtra and Kutch. They reached or were very near the freezing point in North Rajasthan.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL THE EVENING OF 20TH: There may be a few falls of light rain or drizzle in East Uttar Pradesh. The Darjeeling Hills and Upper Asam cloudy weather will prevail in and around north-east Madhya Pradesh, and Vindhya Pradesh.

Night temperatures will fall appreciably in the Punjab. West Uttar Pradesh ,Madhya Bharat and North-west Madhya Pradesh and rise in West Bengal and Orissa.

The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, with total rainfall from October 1st 1950. And departure from normal recorded at 08-30 hours I.S.T. on December 19, 1950.

Akola 88 53 — 0.1 minus 2.8, Ambala 75 46 0 0 minus 1.3, Bangalore 79 59 0 14.2 plus 5.3, Baroda 84 42 0-0 minus 2.6, Banaras 81 53 0 0 minus 2.7, Bhavnagar 85 52 — — — ,Bhopal 85 54 0, 0.1 — Bhuj 79 47 0 0 minus 0.5, BOMBAY 82 65 0 1.4 minus 1.6, Calcutta 81 62 0 15 8 plus 10.3, Cherrapunji 59 44 0 19.8 minus 2.6, Cochin 85 71 0 18.9 minus 2.4, Cuttack 84 59 0 11.3 plus 4.2, Darjiling 50 37 0 2.8 minus 3.6, Delhi 77 42 0 0 minus 0.8, Gwalior 85 48 0 0.1 — —, Hyderabad (Deccan) 88 55 0 2.1 minus 1.7, Indore 84 49 80 — minus 1.9, Jaipur 78 41 0 0 minus 0.8 Jamnagar 87 45 0 0 — Kanpur 79 55 0 0 minus 1.7, Kodaikanal 73 — — — —, Lucknow 77 56 0 0.1 minus 1.5. Madras 84 66 0 11.8 minus 18.3 Mussoorie 57 41 0 0.8 minus 2.2, Mysore 80 — 0 7.5 minus 1.4, Nagpur 85 53 0.5 minus 2.8, Ootacamund 74 35 0 13.2 minus 2.4, Pachmarhi 77 53 0 0.2 minus 3.1, Patiala 74 46 0 0 —, Patna 79 55 0 0 minus 2.8, Poona 90 56 0 2.8 minus 1.9, Raichur 87 65 05.2 plus 0.9, Rajkot 80 48 0 0.8 minus 0.9, Ranchi 81 53 0 1.3 minus 2.5, Shillong 58 — — —, Simla 49 38 0 0 3 miuls 2.2, Trichinopoly 84 66 0 9.1 minus 5.8, Trivandrum 88 — — — Udaipur 77 38 0 0 minus 0.8.

'Quake Shock

POONA: An earthquake shock of moderate intensity, at its origin with epicentre about 3830 miles away from here, was at 21 hours 25 minutes (IST) yesterday.

Prosecutions Against Footboard Passengers

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

During the period of ten days from 1-12-50 to 10-12-50, the number of prosecutions launched against the fotboard travellers on the Bombay Local Section of the BB and CI Railway was 10. The prosecutions resulted in the conviction of 8 persons. Cases against 2 offenders are subjudice.

During the same period on the G.I.P. Railway, the number of prosecutions launched against the footboard travellers was 44. Of these 43 were fined Rs. 15 or in default 2 weeks' simple imprisonment. One person was acquitted.

"Lokottar Purush"

::Lokottar Purush", a feature programme in Marathi in tribute to the memory of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, written by Shri Anant Kanekar will be broadcast by All India Radio, Bombay, at 8-30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20. This programme can be heard on 353 and 61.98 metres.

CITY & SUBURBS

TODAY

Hindu: Magsar Shud 11 2007
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Avaal 10 1379
Parsi: Tir 19 1320
Sunrise: 7-7 a.m., Sunset 6-6 p.m.
Hightide 08-20, 22-36
Lowtide 03-16 15-28.

Today's Engagements

GOKHALE EDUCATION SOCIETY: Meeting to felicitate Mr. N. M. Joshi, for his self services to the public for over half a century, Mr. V L Mehta Bombay's Finance Minister, presiding, at Shet Dharamsey Govindji Thackersey High School, Vithalbhai Patel Road, 6 p.m.

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE ALL-INDIA CONGRESS: Mr. D. N. Pritt on "We Can Prevent War" Sunderbai Hall 6 p.m.

ASSOCIATION OF ELECTRICAL UNDERTAKINGS: Tenth annual general meeting B E S T Conference Hall, Colaba, 4-30 p.m.

THE INDIAN ROADS AND TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION LTD: Annual meeting, ACC Board Room, Queen's Road, 5-30 p.m.

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS: Mr. N. V. Modak and Mr. P. P. Dani on a short review of their recent tour in Europe.

MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS COMMITTEE: 3-30 p.m.

BOMBAY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION: Prof. P. A. Wadia on "The Fundamental Rights" People's Library Hall, Dhobi Talao, 6-15 p.m.

THE MUSLIM SOCIAL WORKERS' GROUP: "Abbas Day" public meeting, Pakmodia Street, Bhendy Bazar, 9 p.m.

THE SILVERFISH: Film Show, 6-15 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Question and Answer meeting, 6-15 p.m.

INDIAN FILM INDUSTRY: Condolence meeting mourn Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's death, Central Studios, Tardeo, 5-30 p.m.

INDIAN MERCHANTS' CHAMBER: Condolence meeting, 5-30 p.m.

THE ALL INDIA PLASTICS MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION: Coindolence meeting, Chowpatty Chambers, Sandhurst Bridge, 4-30 p.m.

TODAY'S RADIO

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20.

METRE BANDS: 7-30 a.m. 25, 31 and 41; 9-30 a.m.—19, 25; 11-30 a.m. 13 and 19; 12-30 p.m. 13 and 19; 4-30 p.m.—13 and 16; 6-30 p.m. 13 and 19 9-30 p.m.—13, 16 and 25.

AIR NEWS FROM DELHI

English: 8-0, 13-30, 18-0, 21-0; Hindi: 8-15, 13-40, 18-10, 21-15; Urdu: 9-0, Punjabi: 8-30, 20-15, Bengali: 7-30, 12-50, 19-30; Tamil: 7-15, 14-0, 19-15; Telugu: 7-0, 13-50, 19-45. Malayalam: 7-30, 19-30; Marathi: 8-30, 12-50, 20-00. Gujerati: 8-45, 13-0, 20-15.

BOMBAY

244 m: 7-40 a.m. Prog., 7-45 Hindi lessons, G. 8-15 N. Sarnaik, bhankar. 13-40 P. Robeson, base. 14-0 Promenade concert. 16-20 School broadcast. 17-30 M. Katre, hanskinkini. 17-45 Dilipkumar, G. songs, 18-10 Orch. music by students of V. M. School for Blind. 18-30 N. Sarnaik, jaitshree. 19-0 Dilipkumar, G. geet. 19-10 Locals. 19-30 M. Katre, tilkak kamod. 19-45 For industrial workers. 20-30 Dr. Jivraj Mehta's talk on census, G. 20-45 Radio Orch. 21-15 Dilipkumar, thumri. 21-30 Gaite Parisienne, (offenbach). 21-45 Frank Moraes, current affairs review. 22-0 B. B. Symp. Orch.

VARIATION—353 m. 7-30 Mangal prabhat. 8-0 D'Amel, flute. 8-45 Sonibai Mulgaokar, M. songs. 12-45 Tantra, kari. 13-0 Mishra sangeet. 13-50 Ragadari. 17-45 G. S. Yellapurkar, K. songs. 18-0 Sonibai Mulgaonkar, bhavgeet. 18-20 For villages in M. and at 18-50 in K. 19-30 Commercial news. 21-15 Hindi lessons, M. 20-30 R. Kinikar's M. play. 21-0 Marathi songs. 21-30 Film songs. 21-45 N. Sarnaik, Mirabai Malhar.

BARODA

250 m: 8-15 G. bhajans. 8-30 Air artist, sitar. 18-20 B. Thaker, flute. 18-30 For rural listeners. 19-0 Hindi lessons, 19-15 J. Jagtap, pakhwaj. 19-30 For women G. 20-0 Film songs. 20-10 Locals. 20-30 Film geets, 21-15 A. Hussain, thumri. 21-30 As in Ahmedabad. 21-45 Parimala R. Desai, G. geets.

AHMEDABAD

326.1 m: 8-15 Air artist, sarangi. 8-30 R. Patel, cl. vocal. 18-20 As in Baroda 18-30 R. Patel, cl. vocal. 18-45 Theatrical songs. 19-00 Hindi lessons. 19-15 As in Baroda. 19-30 For industrial workers. 20-0 Locals. 20-05 C. Thirvani, bhajans. 20-30 R. Patel, cl. vocal. 21-15 Dadra. 21-30 U. Joshi's social comed "parankun", G.. 21-45 As in Baroda.

Himalayan Expedition

Rusi Gandhi, leader of the "Himalyan Expedition" will broadcast a talk from All India Radio, Bombay, on December 20, at 9-30 p.m.

The talk of Mr. Gandhi will be heard on 244 and 41.44 metres.

A.I.R. Meets Sardar's Friend

Shri Byramjee Cowasji, one of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's oldest frineds and his classmates during the school days of Nadiad will be interviewed on All India Radio, Bombay on Wednesday, December 20 at 9-45 p.m. The interview will be held in Gujarati and will be heard on 244 and 41.44 metres.

Ex-Army Personnel As Primary Teachers

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A candidate for the post of primary school teacher, who has passed the Indian Army Special Certificate Examination, is required to possess adequate knowledge of the regional language of the district in which he seeks employment according ao a directive of the Government of Bombay. The passing of the examination is one of the qualifications prescribed for the recruitment of primary teachers in the case of ex-army personnel.

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VARIETY PROGRAMME IN AID OF KASHMIR

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The grand Variety Entertainment in aid of the Kashmir food victims which was to have been held at the Eros Theatre, on Tuesday the 26th December 1950 has been postponed to the morning of Sundya, January 7th 1951, in deference to public sentiment occasioned by the demise of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, says Mr. Govindji G. Soondeji; the joint Secretary, in a statement to the Press.

Titled "Gulestan" and organised by the youthful Bombay impresario Mr. Kantilal M. Desai, this show promises to be easily the best, Bombay has seen for a long time. Programme highlights are a stage-parade of top ranking ,film stars, the one act play by Prithviiraj Kapoor, a skit by Raj Kapoor and Nargis, and massed orchestral items by Naushad and C. Rachandra, ace film-music directors, each of whom will appear with an impressive enesmbel of musicians. Vocal items also features strongly some of the noted singers—contributing solos to the entertainment being Lata Mangeshkar, Geeta Roy Mohmed Rafi, Mukesh. Meena Kapoor, Terpsichorean offerings include dances by Sitara, Raghvan Nair, Lalitagauri and Mangala Pitale, while there will be indivudual performances by such well-known musicians as Van Shipley (Guitar) Pannalal Gosh (Flute) Master Enrahim (Clarionet) and Mr. Balsara (Piano). Goody Sevai and his Latin morning fare.
American Band will round off the morning fare.

NEWSPAPERS BANNED IN GOA

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (PTI).

The Government of Goa has banned the entry of about 51 newspapers into Portuguese India, according to reliable information available here.

Of the papers banned in Portuguese India, twelve are English dailies and weeklies, 26 Marathi, seven Konkani, three Gujerati and one Hindi daily.

There is a ban on the "Times of India', but copies of the paper are permitted for distribution only after scrutiny by the Goa police. Any copy containing any "objectionable" material is stopped by the Goa police. Any copy containing any "objectionable" material is stopped by the police.

Inquiries made in conection with the ban reveal that the Marathi Literary Association had requested the Portuguese Consul a few months back for an interview to discuss the question of the lifting of the ban. The Portuguese Consul, however, has given no reply so far.

Talk On Census

The Hon'ble Dr. Jivraj Mehta, will broadcast a talk in Gujarati entitled "Vasatiganatri Ane Rashtriya Ayojan" (Census and National Planning) on Wednesday, December 20, at 8-30 p.m. from All India Radio, Bombay. This can be heard on 244 and 51.44 metres.

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The Pulse Of The City

POLICE BEATEN UP: The proprietors and the employees of a cloth shop did not like their shop being raided by the police for alleged breach of cloth control order. They beat up the police party, the bogus customer and the panchas the police stated at the Esplanade Court on Tuesday while producing Baldeo Pessumal and Jethanand Pessumal the proprietors. Both were granted bail.

140 BOTTLES: A car proceeding from Damaun to Bombay was searched by the Thana police on Monday at Bhivandi. They seized 140 bottles of foreign liquor and arrested three persons. The bottles were loaded in the rear seat.

NOW CURRENCY NOTES: It was gold on Sunday. Monday night they seized Indian currency notes totalling Rs. 1,53,000 from inside a TWA constellation. They were inside the box behind the pilots seat and were not claimed by anybody.

NEW SHERIFF: Mr. P. P. Kapadia was sworn in on Tuesday at the Civil Secretariat as the new sheriff. The oath was administered by the Governor of Bombay.

RAPE ON WIDOW: Ghranaji Vishwanath Phadke got two and half years' R.I. for committing rape on a widow aged 22, whom he took to Poona with a promise of marriage he did not fulfil.

A SECTION ADDED ON: A pleader's clerk from Jhansi who came to Bombay with a warrant of arrest, it is alleged, added the section under which the arrest had been ordered when he was told that the order was not in order due to the omission. The police arrested him. He was granted bail.

IMPORT STAFF RESTIVE: Over 200 members of the clerical staff of the Deputy Chief Controller of Imports at Ballard Estate who have been asked to work from 10 to 6 with half hour interval, including Sundays and holidays, to clear arrears of 18,000 applications are reported to be indignant about the increase in workload. They are representing the matter to the authorities and hinted direct action if they failed.

YOUTH'S SUICIDE: A ward boy attached to Motlabai Hospital, 25-year old Vasant Chanrolia, was found dead in the servants quarters Monday night. A bottle of carbolic acid and some letters found near him indicate that he committed suicide.

WITNESSES PROTEST: Prosecution witnesses summoned to the Andheri Court to give evidence against Mr. Ratilal M. Nanavati, a businessman and landlord of Vile Parle, who had been charged with obstructing a public thoroughfare on the occasion of his daughter's wedding last April, complained to the Magistrate on Monday that the accused was not present when the case was called, while they had taken all the trouble to attend court at personal inconvenience and sacrifice.

NO MAGIC SPELL: A woman who complained that she had been cheated of her gold chain by casting a magic spell later charged a man as one of the accused. At the Girgaum Court on Monday the Magistrate held that the story was uncorroborated and acquitted the accused.

LOTTERY RACKET: With the arrest of Narayan Keshav Shirdekar, the police claim they have unearthed a racket in lottery tickets. The police allege that Shirodekar is the principal man behind the show in the city.

Mr. M. M. Naik-Nimbalkar

Mr. M. M. Naik-Nimbalkar, Minister for Labour and Industries, will leave Bombay for Phaltan on December 20. He will visit Atpadi, in the Satara South District, and Mahud, in the Sholapur district, on December 22 and return to Phaltan the same evening. The Minister will be back in Bombay on December 23.

THE FAMOUS ASTROLOGER

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The Bombay Chronicle

THE OBVIOUS CHOICE

Speculations have naturally started in connection with the portfolios held by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the Central Cabinet. It is reported, however, that the Prime Minister will not take any final decision regarding a cabinet reshuffle or new appointments until after his return in the last week of January from the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference. This is as it should be. For, it is not an easy thing to fill vacancies created by the death of Vallabhbhai. It is the loss of an outstanding leader, who was a man of many-sided talents, a towering personality that exercised an influence that was both wide and vital. The problem of filling the gap will need deep and careful consideration of so many issues and of their possible effect on so many phases of national life. Moreover, whatever is done must last till the general elections in November 1951 since too frequent changes in these important portfolios is not desirable.

Meanwhile, it is possible to think aloud, as it were, on the question of a successor or successors to Vallabhbhai in the Cabinet. No one can be a substitute for him in any appreciable, let alone adequate, measure, who is not gifted with the qualities of wide experience and great administrative efficiency and who is not also a man of all India stature. India is not without men in the provinces, whose worth and efficiency are unquestioned and who can be claimed to have fully proved themselves as good administrators. But if they are taken away from the provinces, the provinces will suffer. And the qualities and standards of provincial administrations have also to be considered, especially in the present circumstances. It is difficult to see how such men can be easily spared from their present fields of service.

A successor to Vallabhbhai has, therefore, to be sought from outside the provincial administrations or from inside the Central Cabinet. And, all things considered, we cannot think of any other answer to the challenge of the tragedy than Rajaji. He has all the gifts that go to the making of a man, who is both an administrator and a statesman. And, who today can measure up to his all-India stature except the triumvirate of ex-Congress Presidents of heroic days, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru and Maulana Azad but all already fully occupied? The vital and key-post of a Home Minister needs a man like Rajaji if it is to be adequately filled. The post of States Minister is not unimportant either, so long as democracy in the States is not internally consolidated to a satisfactory degree. For the States, only recently released from autocracy by the genius of Vallabhbhai, this is a period of transition. In that period, while, we are confident, will now be very short, the State need a Minister in the Central Cabinet, who will command the fullest respect not only of the States Ministers and people but also of their Rulers. Rajaji can and will now be very short, the States is the obvious fact to be considered that the Home Ministership—and coupled with the States Ministership all the more, so—involes a tremendous strain on the holder of the posts. India has just suffered one of the worst tragic blows because of that exacting strain. And it cannot afford to ignore that unfortunate fact. But cannot a solution be found if Rajaji is given the assistance for routine work of a States Minister in the Home Department and a Deputy Minister for the affairs of the States?

Kashmir Again

The attempt of the Pakistan Government to raise the question of Kashmir and to ask the Security Council to reopen the discussion is an interesting move. Following on Sir Owen Dixon's report admitting failure of his mission and advising that the matter should be left to the two parties to settle directly, there have been developments in Kashmir itself where a demand for a constituent assembly has been made and has received the approval of the Indian Government. This the Pakistan Foreign Miniter regards as a breach of Indo-Pakistan understanding and an attempt to prejudge the issue The logic is hard to appreciate. India voluntarily made the accession of Kashmir to the Union conditional on its being ratified through a free and fair plebiscite through which the wishes of the Kashmir people could be expressed. But the interference of Pakistan and its maintaining forces illegally in Kashmir prevent any plebiscite worth the name being held throughout the territory. India was very clear in her attitude that her submission to the will of the people of Kashmir did not mean submission to any outside compulsion. The accession could, it is true, have been overturned by an adverse verdict in a plebiscite but it could not be otherwise tampered with. Since this insistence of the tentative character of the plebiscite was the result of India's primary interest in the Kashmir people and in ensuring that their voice was heard, the prevalence of forces, that will pervert the plebiscite makes it futile to look for public opinion expressing itself freely throughout Kashmir. That, however, is no reason for prolonging the agony of the Kashmiris and the failure of the Dixon Mission makes it all the more necessary to search out a technique as near as possible to the original intention. As the representative Kashmir political organisation has pointed out the way, the Indian Government naturally extends its fullest support to it. We do not see what the Security Council can do in the matter. If Pakistan does not like the the procedure, it can surely facilitate a U N. plebiscite as originally contemplated by India by withdrawing its forces which in contravention of international law are occupying Kashmir territory. In fact, the agitation of the Pakistan Government over the proposal is conclusive proof that it is the right line to take. It is fantastic for the Pakistan Foreign Secretary to think that the Security Council which has slurred over the Pakistan aggression, would go so far as to denounce the Kashmir move as an act of aggression by India.

Unlawyer Like

If the navy or the bar-keep, the stock-jobber or the man who moves the piano feels aggrieved with his neighbour and, feeling the urge to "blow his top," does so, no one seems to bother unduliy. Bystanders intervene —usually after at least ONE bloody nose— and both parties repair to their respective haunts to brag about what they did to the other fellow. Since both participants are generally quite pleased over the whole affair, the latter acts as a kind of safety valve, and, as such, has its uses.

But the poor lawyer is expected never to lose his temper. Part and parcel of the august and hallowed majesty of the Law, he must always take good care to see that everything he says and does is in keeping with the solemnity of his profession. For, though lesser mortals may swing a fist with impunity, woe betide the wearer of silk who indulges this popular pastime.

Therefore, we are pained—acutely pained —to read that two gentlemen of this ancient and noble calling so far forgot themselves as to go for each other hell-for-leather in the precincts of the Court, itself. The bone of contention was a law suit. Not the usual variety where one citizen sues another for something he didn't do in the hope of getting damages he doesn't deserve. This time the argument was over which of the two legal lights should have had the suit in question.

In short, one lawyer accused the other of "pilfering" his client. And in order to show his resentment in practical fashion roudly kicked the aforementioned pilferer on the legs inflicting painful injuries, namely and to wit, a broken shin bone.

We do not know who got the original client responsible for this fracas, but the latest reports have it that Lawyer No. 1 is in hospital, vowing vengeance, while Lawyer No. 2 (hereinafter referred to as the party of the second part) is in jail, with a charge of causing grievous hurt hanging over his head.

It may be poor consolation, but we would tell this getleman that those who will not live in the law must perish by the law. Even if the Law is an ass, Lawyers mustn't kick.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A journalist is a grumbler, a censurer, a giver of advice, a regent of sovereigns, a tutor of nations. Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets.

—NAPOLEON

Tete-à-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The weekly ration of sugar, now being given to cardholders in the Bombay area, is likely to be reduced from next month, it is learnt.

It is gathered that this is the result of reduced allotment made by the Government of India to Bombay.

It may be remembered that the weekly six ounces ration of sugar was increased to eight during November just before the Diwali season. In view of lesser allotments the Government of Bombay, it is understood, will be unable to maintain this quota and is thinking of reverting to the earlier ration of six ounces a week.

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Weather reports inform us of a cold spell over Bombay.

As if we didn't know.

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A PTI report from Madras insists on telling us that in a by-election to the Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly the Congress candidate was defeated by his Socialist rival, polling 2.304 votes as against the latter's 9 359.

All right. ALL RIGHT We HAVE noticed it.

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CABINET RESHUFFLE PROSPECTS

Delhi Speculation

—Press Headline.

We too have a list.

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According to Nepali Congress reports four members of the Rana family have been placed under virtual house arrest at Khatmandu.

For the Supreme and anti-dynastic treasonable crime, no doubt, of possessing, wisdom and farsightedness.

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Moscow's "Pravda" describes the meeting of the Western Foreign Ministers at Brussels as "a sinister event for the fate of Europe."

We go further. Between them the recent Warsaw meeting of "Eastern" Ministers and the present Brussels meeting of "Western" Ministers add up to a Sinister Event for the fate not only of Europe but of the entire globe.

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In the U. N. Political Committee, the Soviet Union's M. Jacob Malik demanded that the Political Committee should discuss the Soviet-Chinese 4-point case against the United States.

The fourth point, at least, i.e. "bombing of Chinese territory by U.S. planes", could quickly be disposed of as activity by U. S. volunteers from mysteriously obtained aircraft and mysteriously situated air fields, couldn't it?

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The Indonesian Foreign Minister fears that the situation regarding the Indonesian-Netherlands Conference on Western New Guinea is "difficult" but feels that "a deadlock can still be avoided".

But will the Dutch?

THE REALM OF PROPAGANDA

BY GEORGES BIDAULT

ONE of the great powers in our contemporary world is propaganda. We ought to know this after having seen the work of Goebbels. Despite all the handicaps with which his work was faced in other countries, it is a fact that he succeeded in influencing public opinion even in places which did not have the habit of listening freely to sources from the other side of the Rhine.

This power of bending consciences, this hold over crowds, are phenomena which seems scandalous to minds moulded in the critical individualism of the former epoch. They are certainly phenomena against which it is necessary to forearm oneself with courage and clear-thinking.

IRREPRESSIBLE

It is no longer sufficient to take refuge in the citadel of solitary thought or to disdain the vulgarity of the means employed. The facts are there and we have suffered from them. Rotary presses, radio and tomorrow, the television service, surround our individual defences in such a large scale manner and in such a perserving manner that faced with this war from three flanks, we can no longer resist it by our old means.

The voice of Goebbels is silent but his methods are not forgotten. Any totalitarian regime oozes propaganda. The first attempts may be ridiculous but as ridicule does not kill a totalitarian regime, later attempts are better adapted to circumstances or perhaps the continuation of ridicule finishes up by leaving you cold towards it.

PROPAGANDA PRINCIPLES

At the present time, the word on everybody's lips is Peace and it is clear that people speak of peace especially on the side where they are threatened. Where it is loved truly and loved for itself, it is difficult for people to speak aloud about it for true love does not publish its letters in the newspapers. In order to combat it successfully, however, it is at least necessary to understand the principles which are at the base of this propaganda.

These principles are of extreme simplicity and are almost identical to those behind a commercial bargain sale. To get results they only call for the use of immense means and the property of not blushing before the stupidities which you tell.

First rule— that of repetition. Two maxims can be found with regard to this subject; the first to which good pupils adhere says that repetitions must be avoided but the second to which the more hard-boiled adhere claims that repetition is the most powerful figure of rhetoric. It is in this way that the bad pupils who have become publicity agents, make their fortunes.

VIRTUE OF REPETITION

The judgment which any totalitarian regime bears on humanity, without optimism and without condensation can be found in its repetitions on the subject. It suffices to repeat it often enough. To repeat it ten times gives rise to exasperation, while to repeat it a hundred times only gives rise to fatigue. At the hundred-thousandth time, people begin to give in. This system which works with Coca-Cola is also that of the Communists with regard to peace—surely a singular encounter of Capitalism and Communism with the same targets as far as the man-in-the-street is concerned, but the encounter of a method which costs little and has an assured success whether in the business or political realm. And that is why the same old song is sung every day. Such is the virtue of repetition that nobody thinks of reminding those people who kick up such a row for peace about their previous service in the cause —or rather about the state of their criminal record—of the tag: UBI SERVITITEM FACIUNT, PACEM APPELLANT. (Where they maintain slavery, they call it Peace).

APPEASING MINDS

And so to the second rule—that of simplicity. It is not a question of appeasing delicate minds, you have got to get round the crowd. It is moreover the only means of getting yourself heard by the delicate souls when no amount of refinement will satisfy them, but whose appetite returns when you feed them out of buckets. Thus we must be no more afraid of banalities than we are of repetitions.

In both of these principles there is profound disregard for people a cynical and calm calculation, a deliberate choice against liberty and dignity. It is, basically speaking, the same attitude as that of the conquerors, the great adventurers in all branches of human activity, of all those who have learned not to love their fellow-men in order to make the latter serve them better. In short—aim low.

GRADUAL DOSES

But above all, go to it without fear. If what you say is multiplied enough, that is to say further than what appeared to you to be acceptable at first sight, if what you say is summary, you can go as far as you like. You will not have to fear any audacity of affirmation, any scandalous counter-truth or any grotesque imagination. There will naturally be some people who will be shocked or suffocated, and others who will turn coldly away. They will be caught in the next round. Thus there is no reason to be afraid. Evidently, it is ridiculous to explain that Soviet barracks are really universities and temples of gastronomic delight in which—in the interests of peace—those who live there would like to see out their days. Doubtlessly there is a moral there which could be insisted but all said and done, when need calls, you must not be scared to run away from gross distortions. Moreover, there are cases where it is impossible to escape from them. Bearing in the mind the incredible feats of contortion to which the Kominform is given—without any warning—it is necessary to habituate the "faithful" by gradual doses of absurdity in order to get them to a state when they will accept anything.

It is in this way that Popov and others who remain alive of the Old Regime have declared themselves to have been the inventors of many things which it appears they have never even heard of. You might say in conclusion: "Long Live The Tsar". It is sufficient simply not to draw any conclusions and the game is over.

MAKING DUPES

Nevertheless, the big drum just by itself is not sufficient for everyone's ears. You have got to do something to attract the lovers of the flute and the cello! In other words it is useful to make dupes and to obtain the voluntary adhesion of men who would not consent to give up a personal existence in the great whole. These men have one weak point—their heart. Any good propaganda organisation should thus succeed in pressing into its service an appropriate number of pure hearts.

The best courriers of evil causes are those who believe in them and those who believe in them are those who had no hand in their manufacture. Thus a careful survey must be made of all these candid souls especially those of good will who have nothing on their hands and those with scrupulous consciences. In this way you obtain a considerable reinforcement of volunteers to join to your flock of hostages and army of the blind.

MAKE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND

In face of this type of enterprise, to be feared because it is concerned, because it is universal, because it can penetrate all the resources of intelligence and of stupidity, free governments are almost entirely powerless as far as any riposte is concerned.

These free governments count on popular common sense, on patriotism, on a critical approach and in general, on all common grounds which could serve as an excuse for inaction. It is all too clear that the difficulties are greater in countries where there is a free press and where the police force is not the dictator of conscience of all citizens, than in countries where no rivals exist to the sovereign voice of the State. With this inferiority to begin with, the French people were able to realise during the war the commotion caused — despite public feeling which was for one side and against the other—the broadcast appeals launched by a great writer such as Jean Giraudoux or by a fair "barker" such as Philippe Henriot. In these hard times there is matter for thought there.

We are right. It should not be impossible to make people understand. We must find the means for this, especially as it is always easier to reply than to begin. We must still reply however.

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

Between Two Stools . . .

An unconfirmed report states that the Government of India is contemplating partial decontrol of sugar all over the country. The factories are to be allowed to sell whatever they produce over and above the quota required by the Government from them. While this extra sugar will be sold in the open market without any restriction on prices, the Government will assure through their ration shops the minimum amount to each individual. Delhi is already experimenting on these lines and it is reported that the black market prices have fallen appreciably but are still about double that of rationed sugar prices. The object behind the measure is to bring out the hidden stocks of sugar from the black market and the prices are expected to come down later. We wish that we could share the optimism of the authorities. The measure will not only legalise the black market but divert stocks of sugar meant for ration shops to illegitimate channels. How is the Government going to distinguish rationed sugar from the open market sugar unless they dye it with a fast colour? It has been found before that control and decontrol cannot work side by side. If the Government is really serious about taking such a step, they ought to wait for a reasonable time to find out how the Delhi experiment turns out.

Questions In Parliament

The question hour is like an oasis in the desert of dull parliamentary proceedings. One wishes that instead of coming only at the beginning it was held more often during the day to break the monotony of debates. At question time both members and ministers are alert and quite an interesting information is dragged out of an unwilling minister in supplementaries. The minister may huff and puff, dodge and digress, equivocate or circumvent or just try to wriggle out by monosyllables. The late Mr. Satyamurthi was a past master in this art of inquisition and the Treasury Benches used to tremble before him. But for lack of clever interrogators this art has come into disgrace. Any backbencher, anxious to get into the limelight, puts questions which could have been left unasked. They neither amuse nor elicit information. No wonder struck by the sheer waste of energy, time and money spent in answering these idle queries of his colleagues, Mr. Feroze Gandhi was prompted to ask the cost of answering interpellations in Parliament. The reply revealed that in 1948-49 expenditure incurred under this head was Rs. 2,43,400; that no separate staff was maintained to hunt for answers and that Mr. Feroze Gandhi's question itself cost Rs. 2,000 to reply. On an average a reply to a question costs only Rs. 60. We have always wondered why it should cost any money to answer questions in Parliament. The secret is revealed in the message itself which says that the basis of calculation is explained as the "time spent by officials in various Ministries in preparing the material for reply to questions." If this is true, it does not cost the Government any extra money to get answers for questions in the Parliament. If it is just idle curiosity of Mr. Gandhi to know what a reply to a question costs than it does not matter but if it is indirectly suggested that fewer questions should be asked in order to save money and time one must disagree with him. Questions serve an important purpose of getting information out of ministers which would not be available otherwise. It is unfortunate that some members use this facility only to exhibit the limitations of their mind.

Between Labour And Management

Both industry and labour resent the continued interference by the Government in their affairs. During the war years to keep production at the peak level it was necessary for the Government to fix what the employers should pay in wages and bonus and ban strikes by workers. Economic crisis in the country has made it necessary for the Government to continue to take a hand by limiting profits and imposing controls. The Government-sponsored Labour Relations Bill is drawing fire upon it from Industry and Labour. Both feel that if left to themselves they would come to better terms. The employers feel that the Government is going too far and the workers on the contrary feel that it is not going far enough. Both of them want compulsory arbitration to be scrapped. Mr. Chandavarkar addressing the meeting of the Employers' Federation of India, said that compulsory arbitration had killed all incentive to the natural process of collective bargaining and thereby had proved to be a deterrent to the growth of strong trade unions in the country. We feel that, if Labour and Capital could compose their differences without outside interference, the Government would be glad to relieve itself of that responsibility. But, judging from the mood of Labour and the way the trade union movement was being sidetracked on political party lines, it is too optimistic to hope that the Labour would be amenable to straight negotiations on trade union lines. Unscrupulous politicians, masquerading as friends of Labour, will see that Labour was kept in a constant ferment, making it inevitable for the Government to step in later to set things right.

Unreasonable

There have been repercussions of the Children's Week incident when the organisers of the All-India Women's Conference had to close down the Chinese section because some of the posters displayed were considered objectionable for a children's show—and rightly so. Mr. D. N. Pritt now in the city opened an exhibition in which these posters were displayed, declared them unobjectionable and charged the A. I. W. C. with suppression of facts. Mr. Pritt is entitled to his opinion but he might have had the grace reflect on the whole business before rushing to a conclusion. After all, the exhibition now showing is displaying the objectionable posters and no one is bothered over it. Dirt is only matter in the wrong place. At a children's show these posters would have certainly been out of place and so they were banned. It has been urged that the A.I.W.C. was inspired by Americans inside the Children's Week organisation by some of the speakers. If that is so, it would be interesting to learn why the Americans are doing nothing about the show now on. Large allowance can be made for the attitude of Mr. Pritt who has heard only one side of the case and that side too to which he is inclined himself. But those Indians who, out of a desire to be sensationalist, seize hold of any little thing to hoist themselves up, deserve nothing but the severest condemnation.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Food Statistics

Whether the statistics available to Government of India for production, procurement and consumption of food are correct and whether the methods employed to collect all statistical datas deserve a complete change, ought to be a very important matter to be scientifically and logically approached by those in authority. In fact it is, on proper approach to these statistics and their methods of collection, the country's vital problems of controls, imports of Food and other essentitials to the life of community, depend.

I may be permitted to give a summary as to how Government statistics stand so far; gram stocks available in the country in May last resulted in wrong actions of free import of gram from Pakistan, thereby making 150% more realisations to Pakistan at a very heavy loss to our country and restrictions on movement of gram within with the result that in surplus States gram prices were Rs. 14/- per B. Md. (Ceiling prices Rs. 9/-) and in dificit states like Bombay and Madras they were Rs. 36/1 Per Md. (C.P. Rs. 12/-) in Bombay state and Rs. 60/- per B.Md. This state of affairs was admittedly existing at the time of removal of restrictions in September last according to Shri K. M. Munshi, Central Food Minister.

Even with these imports, when Government of India found the gram position unsatisfactory, they removed all restrictions on movement within the country and allowed free movement with celing in prices. Shri K. M. Munshi, in his recent statement in Parliament admitted that the Government Policy of free movement of gram resulted in giving very satisfactory results so that the stocks are available all throughout the country at parity prices Rs. 16/- to Rs. 18/- per B Md.

Indirectly the announcement admits that the stocks that are actually available in the various markets are so large that their supply results in keeping parity prices. The crux of the whole thing is that actual figures of available stocks of gram are 400 to 500% more than what Government estimated in September last.

If this position on inquiry survives, naturally enough, the very serious attention should be paid both by the Central and State Government as to how far and why Government estimates for available gram stocks in the country are wrong If so, why they should not be wrong with regard to other foodgrains, which is one of the main factors in formulating country's control and Import policies.

—N. G. PARIKH.

Stables In Kurla

On many occasions the residents of Village Ward, Kurla, had made several representations to the Officers in charge of the Engineering and the Health Departments of the Old Kurla Municipal Borough in respect of a big stable of buffaloes in the heart of the Ward. The existence of this stable in the locality densely populated is detrimental to the health of the residents. This helps the breeding of mosquitoes and other poisonous insects. The sanitary staff of the Municipality did nothing to stop this source of nuisance.

Further, the said stable is not in accordance with the provisions of Bye-law 1 of the Stable Bylaws under section 61(1) (f) of the B.M.B. Act of 1925.

Will the Bombay Municipal Corporation, which has taken over the affairs of the Kurla Municipal Borough, withhold the license to the stable forthwith and protect the health of the residents?

—D. I. D'MELLO.

Bombay-Dharamtar State Transport

There is a State Transport service between Bombay and Dharamtar, a distance of 64 miles. The route goes through a populated area. The buses halt only at fixed places and not where passengers wait with their baggage. These fixed halts are at a distance of 20 to 25 miles and is it not absurd to expect passengers with their baggage to go for miles along the route to catch the buses at the fixed halts? When passengers are willing to pay fares from the last halt the transport authorities ought to arrange for their buses to halt at each and every village along the route and pick up passengers.

—S. R. KULKARNI.

Short Succeeds Ross As U.S. Press Secretary

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (PTI).—Mr. Joseph H. Short, former White House corespondent for the Baltimore Sun, was sworn in today as Press Secretary to President Truman.

Mr. Short succeeds Mr. Charles G. Boss, who died at his desk on December 5

OF ALL THINGS

Incarnation Of Intense Rage

A COMMON sight which attracts huge crowds in India on the street-corners is the serpent-mangoose fight. The mangoose frequently wins the battle.

Observers who have been present at the battle scenes have recorded that the mangoose never hesitates to attack the snake. No sooner than he spots the enemy, a vivid change undergoes in his nature. His furs stand on edge. He is incarnation of intense rage. The serpent tries to escape but finds it impossible to do so.

The serpent raises its hood and lashes out furiously at the mangoose in an attempt to save itself. The mangoose manages to dodge the attack always till he finally, like a lightning, rushes at the reptile and gnaws its back, close to the head, shaking him as a terrier does a rat. The tactics are repeated till the serpent collopses and dies.

Known in the animal kingdom as ICHNEUMON (which means: to track out) mangoose is a cousin of its North African representative of mammals called 'Viverridae'! Similar genus of animals are also inhabitants of Egypt where it is known to foreigners as "Pharoah's Rat"—probably because the mangoose kills rats and other four-footed vermin with the same dexteriousness as it does the snake—one of the reasons why several mangoose are domesticated.

The mangoose has fur of pale-grey colour, the hairs being largely white-ringed while its throat and cheeks are more or less reddish.

Villagers in India believe that it enjoys an immunity from snake poison as it rushes to a particular form of tree to eat its roots as an antidote to snake poison. Don't you believe it. The facts are otherwise. The mangoose is exceedingly smart and agile. It has in addition the quickness or eye by means of which it avoids the fangs of the snake while fixing its teeth on the back of the reptile's neck. Since the mangoose, when excited, erects its long stiff hair, the snake finds it difficult to dive its fangs through the thick skin, which all the members of the genus possess.

It is not uncommon in India to lay odds during a serpent-mangoose fight. Though the "punter" who banks on the mangoose is often rewarded, there have been cases when the snake has upset the apple-cart.

OVER 1,000 DEAD IN FIVE DAYS

Cholera Rages Around Rantalai

CUTTACK, Dec. 19 (PTI).

OVER one thousand people have died so far in the five-day old Rantalai cholera epidemic, unofficial estimates here stated tonight.

According to authentic figures available from railways and hospital sources from only some of the places affected, there were so far 521 deaths. They are as follows:—

Talcher railway station area:—160 Meramandali Railway Station area:—184 Bodies removed from railway trains at Cuttack:—22; Deaths in Cuttack railway station area:—44; Cuttack General Hospital:—59; Puri General Hospital:—42; Hindol railway station area:—10.

These sources estimates an equal number of deaths in other places on the 90-mile stretch of railway from Cuttack to Talcher and along the Talcher-Angul road route.

Authentic information is yet lacking of deaths in Rantalai village where the congestion was the thickest and sanitary conditions the worst.

In the last two days the epidemic also appeared to have been carried, to Vizianagaram in Madras State.

24-HOUR WAR

There has been an around-the-clock running of ambulances between Cuttack railway station and the Orissa Medical College Hospital bringing in fresh cases. Admissions upto 8 p.m. today numbered 540.

Although it is the headquarters hospital for Orissa, even this institution is running short of medicines owing to sudden influx of the patients and high priority orders have been placed with Calcutta firms for the immediate supply of medicines.

In addition to Government agencies volunteers are also helping to check the disease from spreading and political parties and social welfare organisations are vying with each other to meet this need.

A report received here this evening stated that fifty bodies were still lying on the railway platforms of Talcher and Meramandali yet to be disposed of.

DANGER

Inspite of the best efforts of the medical staff of the railways, travelling on the east coast over a distance of over fourhundred miles from Vizianagaram to Kharagpur is stated to be dangerously exposed to contagious diseases because of the Rantalai passengers thronging the railway platforms or by their travelling in trains

In view of the dangerious and difficult conditions of travel, it is understood, the Government of Orissa have already instructed courts in the State no to take notice of absence of the parties for one week.

Cuttack meanwhile, is exposed to contagious diseases. The town, although the capital of the State, is without any protected water supply or drainage. Several thousand Rantalai visitors are still in the town which for the last month is having incidence of small pox on a large scale.

Stop Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (PTI-Reuter).—The United States Government today ordered a twenty per cent cut in civilian use of tin effective on February.

RED CHINA'S ENVOY

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Wu Hsui-chuan, Chinese Communist Delegate to the United Nations, was preparing to leave for London tonight on his way back to Peking.

Mr. B. N. Rau, Leader of the Indian Delegation met him at the Waldorf Hotel to say goodbye and also to "allay Chinese suspicions" that General Assembly's cease-fire proposal was a trap to "tie the hands of Chinese in Korea.

RED CHINA ORDERS PAK COTTON

HONG KONG, Dec. 19 (PTI-Reuter): Communist China, through its agents here, has placed orders for 50,000 bales of Pakistan raw cotton, since America imposed a ban on all exports to China.

LIRE DROPS HEAVILY

ROME, Dec. 19 (PTI-Reuter): The Italian lire dropped heavily yesterday in terms of gold dollars and sterling in a new wave of war fear provoked by America's state of emergency and the Russian warning against German rearmament.

A parallel fall was recorded on the free markets in Rome, Milan, Genoa and Turin.

In Rome the free price of the dollar jumped from 704 lire on Friday to 740 on Monday and the pound sterling from 1,750 to 1,800.

A month ago, a dollar fetched 670 lire and the pound sterling 1,700.

COST OF LIVING: According to the statistics of the Labour Bureau, the cost of living index number (base: 1944—100) in Silchar, dropped by 2 points to 160 during October 1950. The fall was mainly due to lower quotations for rice caused presumably by an improvement in the supply position of this cereal.

PRICE OF BULBS FIXED

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19, (PTI).

The Government of India have, under the Supply and Prices of Goods Ordinance, 1950, fixed the maximum retail prices of electric bulbs from five to 60 watts (vacuum and gasfilled), the Industry and Supply Ministry announced today.

This includes bulbs of standard voltages ranging from 100 to 150 and 200 to 300 volts and the prices fixed vary from Rs. 1/3/- to Rs. 1/8/- per lamp.

The announcement adds that certain additions to the prices notified are also permissible in respect of special types such as frosted sprayed, opal and natural coloured, daylight blue and lamps of non-standard or odd voltages.

INDO-PAK RICE-COAL BARTER DEAL

SHILLONG, Dec. 19, (UPI): Under the rice-coal batter agreement between India and Pakistan 3,000 maunds of rice have already arrived in Assam and another consignment of 2,000 maunds is reported to have been shipped for despatch to Assam. Six thousand tons of coal have been exported to East Pakistan from Assam, it is learnt.

Under this barter deal 10,000 tons of Assam coal will be exchanged for 20,000 maunds of Pakistan rice.

The entire quantity of rice thus available from Pakistan would be utilised for Assam tea gardens under under Indian Tea Association.

BUS-TRAIN COLLISION: 4 DIE, 27 ARE HURT

CALCUTTA, Dec. 19 (PTI): Four persons were killed and 27 others injured, six seriously, as a result of a collision between a passenger bus and a railway engine at a level crossing, north of Barrackpore railway station, about 18 miles from Calcutta, this morning.

The bus, which carried 30 passengers, was broken into two. The injured were immediately removed to a local hospital.

REDS COMMITTED TO SESSIONS

Salem Jail Rioting Case

SALEM, Dec. 19 (PTI): The special first class magistrate of Salem has committed to the sessions all the 56 accused in the Salem jail rioting case to take their trial at the Sessions Court.

The accused have been charged with rioting unlawful assembly grievous hurt etc.

The list of witness for the defence includes Mr. K. Madhava Menon, Law Minister, and the Chief Secretary to the State Government.

In the Salem jail rioting which took place on February 11 last, 22 convicted Communist prisoners were killed and more than one hundred were injured. The Madras Government later appointed a three-member committee headed by Mr. K. P. Lakshmana Rao, retired judge of the Madras High Court, to make an exhaustive inquiry into the matter.

Raid On Gangmen's Houses

SECUNDERABAD, Dec. 19 (UPI) Armed men raided the railway gangmen quarters at Mirzapalli on Sunday last and took the life of one gangman and inflicted injuries on others The assailants made good their escape after looting some property.

'RED MENACE' CREATES WAR HYSTERIA

Fears At New Zealand Conference

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19, (PTI): Seth Govind Das, Leader of the Indian Delegation to the recent Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference held in New Zealand, said here today that the majority of the delegates at the Conference had adopted an "attitude of hysteria towards another world war".

"They completely failed to grasp", he added, "India's stand that the threatening world crisis can be resolved through negotiation. So obsessed were they by what they called the Communist menace that they constantly talked of war in hysterical terms".

Seth Govind Das said that some of the delegates, however, spoke highly of Mr. Nehru's stand on Communist China's admission to the United Nations and Korea.

The Conference discussed severeal subjects including defence and Pacific relations, immigration and foreign policy of Commonwealth countries.

Referring to the immigration question, Seth Govind Das said that opinion was sharply divided over entry of non-Europeans into Australia. While the Australian delegation expressed its anxiety over the small population of Australia, it adamantly stuck to its "White Australia policy". The racial policies of the South African Government came in for strong criticism. At one stage, one of the South African delegates walked out of the Conference.

Bogus Permits For Muslims Visiting India

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, Dec. 19.

The Government of Pakistan have dismissed from service Mr. Mohommed Matm, a clerk in the Permt Section here, on the charge of having issued bogus permits to some Muslims going to India. He has further been declared as unfit for any Government service.

It is said, the accused used to issue bogus permits to Muslims after extracting fabulous sums from them.

Barter With China

PEKING, Dec. 19 (PTI): China is in the market for Indian gunnybags—any quantity, any price.

One new gunnybags sells at U.S. $1.25 in Shanghai today, as against U.S. cents 20 just after the end of World War II.

The P.T.I. learned in Peking that, some time ago, the Chinese Government offered to send one million tons of rice to India in exchange for Indian jute. The offer, however, did not get far enough.

China needs Indian gunnybags for transporting foodgrains, soyabean, groundnuts, bristles—also, probably, for re-export to Soviet Russia.

HONG KONG WANTS U.S. BAN TO GO

Government's Appeal To U.K's State Secretary

HONG KONG, Dec. 19 (PTI-Reuter): The Hong Kong Government has telegraphed the Secretary of State for colonies asking for the strongest representations to be made to Washington to ease the American blockade of the colony, a Government spokesman said today.

The spokesman added the blockade was likely to have serious repercussions on Hong Kong's economy and paralyse its trade and industry. He said the Government was watching the situation very closely.

The Hong Kong Department of Commerce and Industry was in close touch with merchants and manufacturers to discover their requirements and see what could be done to persuade the Americans to relax their restrictions on all materials vital to the colony's industry.

"Hong Kong manufactures for and trades with the whole of South-East Asia and other parts of the world and her trade with China is only a fraction of the whole," he declared.

"The colony has already banned the export to China of a whole variety of strategic materials of which the most important are oil and petroleum products."

REDS DO NOT WANT TO PLAY UP

Ill Treatment Of Chinese In U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter): The Chinese Embassy today declined to release details of incidents in which it said Chinese residents in the U. S. were subjected to "uncivil remarks and maltreatment" because of Chinese Communist intervention in Korea. It said it did not want to play them up.

The Embassy on Sunday issued a statement saying that it had received "numerous reports from Chinese nationals residing in various parts of the U. S. that they have been subjected to uncivil remarks and maltreated in other way." It asked Americans to distinguish between Chinese loyal to the cause of the Nationalists and those who supported the Communists.

Asked for details of the alleged incidents the official spokesman at the Embassy said "although we have the cases we do not want to release them for publication. We do not want to play them up."

He added that the statement on Sunday was issued to emphasise that the majority of Chinese in the U. S. were anti-Communist and to appeal against any unfair action against them.

BOMBAYMAN JAILED IN LONDON

Conspiracy To Cheat British Exchequer

LONDON, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter): Framrose Patel, 56-year-old company director formerly of Bombay, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment from the Old Bailey here today, fined 1,000 sterling and ordered to pay 250 sterling costs.

The Judge, Sir Harold Morris, declared that Patel's was the brain that "invented and organised" a conspiracy to cheat the British Exchequer of 2,000 sterling by evading purchase tax on 16,000 pairs of nylons stockings.

A London firm, Welformed Hawes and Company Limited, was fined 2,000 sterling and ordered to pay 250 sterling costs for their part in the conspiracy. Three Indian traders were found guilty of conspiring.

Ghulam Shamas, a street trader in Bradford, Yorkshire, was fined 400 sterling or 12 months' imprisonment. Somer Ali and ilam Dean, both of Birmingham, were both fined 300 or nine months imprisonment.

Patel was ordered to pay the fine and costs at the end of his gaol sentence.

The prosecution alleged Patel was the guiding spirit behind a number of companies through which a large number of nylon stockings were ordered, ostensibly for export and therefore tax free.

Instead, they were sent to distributing centres in Birmingham and other north of England towns for retail sale to nylon-starved British women. Police said Patel had 11 previous convictions.

Educated in Bombay where he graduated as a Bachelor of Arts he came to England in 1918 and was called to the Bar. Later he went to East Africa but a conviction there debarred him from practising law and he returned to England in 1933 and taught Indian students at the London School of Economics.

PLAN FOR EUROPE'S DEFENCE

(Continued from page 1)

tion troops in Germany would come under the Command but later a spokesman said that this was incorrect. Mr. Beven, the British Foreign Secretary did not announce this. —— "The British do not rush such decisions" the spokesman added.

The communiqu of the Council said the Atlantic Council had decided on setting up a Defence Production Board with wider powers than those held by the Supply Board already existing in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

A leading industrialist, expected to be an American because Americans had more experience of mass production, will shortly be named the International Production Director.

GERMANY

German participation will strengthen the defence of Europe without altering in any way purely defensive character of North Atlantic Organisation, the communique added.

General Eisenhower, now President of the Columbia University in New York, is expected to establish temporary headquarters in Paris before finding a permanent location in France, probably at Fountainebleau.

General Eisenhower's command will include the armies to be trained and the trained additional troops as they are raised according to time schedules already prepared.

EISENHOWER ON HIS JOB

General Dwight D. Eisenhower said today he planned to leave for Europe around January 1 to lay the groundwork of his new post as Atlantic Pact Supreme Commander.

He said he would take with him Lieutenant-General Alfred M. Gruenther, Deputy for Plans and Operations of the United States Army, who will be General Eisenhower's Chief of Staff in his new assignment.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

During his inspection tour General Eisenhower is expected to examine at first hand the morale training methods, equipment requirements and the rearmament efforts of Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Norway, Italy and Portugal.

The formal appointed of General Eisenhower was disclosed in an exchange of telegrams between the President and Secretary of State Dean Acheson who is in Brussels for the North Atlantic Council meetings.

In his telegram to Mr. Truman, Mr. Acheson said the Pact Council members had asked him to forward their request that a United States officer be named Supreme Commander along with "their earnest hope that you will find it possible to name General Eisenhower".

The President replied he agreed that "General Eisenhower's experience and talents make him uniquely qualified to assume the important responsibilities of this position".

DEMONSTRATION

A small group of students demonstrated against the Atlantic Powers' arms policy outside the Conference building just as the Ministers were expected to leave. They chanted: "Our Arms Must be Neutral".

They were quickly hustled away by security police. The incident was entirely good-humoured.

The Big Three Foreign Ministers, Mr. Ernest Bevin (Britain) Mr. Dean Acheson (United States) and M. Robert Schuman (France) met here this afternoon immediately after the meeting of the North Atlantic Council.

ENQUIRY INTO RIOTS IN SINGAPORE

Commission To Be Set Up Soon

SINGAPORE, Dec. 19 (PTI-Reuter): Sir Franklin Gibson, Governor of Singapore stated in the Legislative Council today that an inquiry into last week's Muslim riots in the colony will be convened at the earliest reasonable opportunity. He said there had been consultations with Mr. James Griffiths, Secretary of State for Colonies regarding the composition of the commission of inquiry.

He added that the inquiry will be held under the Inquiries Commission Ordinance, 1941 but some time must elapse before the commission could be convened and sent to Singapore.

A Government spokesman announced that the all night curfew imposed in Singapore a week ago is being lifted from tonight.

CONFERENCE: France is sending about forty delegates to the International Engineering Conferences to be held in India in January, 1951, it is learnt. Germany is sending 31, U.K. 28, Italy 28, U.S.A. 20, Sweden 19, Switzerland 15, Pakistan 11, Japan 9, Algeria 9, Norway 7, Finland 6, and Turkey 4. Besides, ECAFE and UNESCO will send their representatives.

Mrs. Pandit For London

NEW YORK, Dec. 19, (PTI-Reuter): Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, Indian Ambassador in the United States, told PTI-Reuter she was planning to leave Washington by air for London on January 1 to meet her brother, Prime Minister Nehru during the conference of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers.

Mrs. Pandit said many important events had taken place during the past year. She required instructions.

The London meeting (she is expected to remain for ten or twelve days) would save the necessity of going to India.

COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE

Peking To Be Discussed

(From Our Special Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19: According to advices received here from London, the conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers is inter alia expected to discuss recognition of the Peking Government,—only India, Pakistan, Ceylon and United Kingdom have so far recognised it—the development of the struggle in Korea, the future of South-East Asia and the Chinese invasion of Tibet.

In addition the conference is almost certain to discuss the economic and political progress made in Europe during the past year and the steps that are being taken to build up the North Atlantic Treaty organisation including the rearmament of Germany.

RED ARRESTED: An armed party of the Lakhimpur District police has arrested Mohanlal Mukherjee, a member of the Revolutionary Communist Party of India who had been absconding for the past two years, from a tea garden area near Dibrugarh.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

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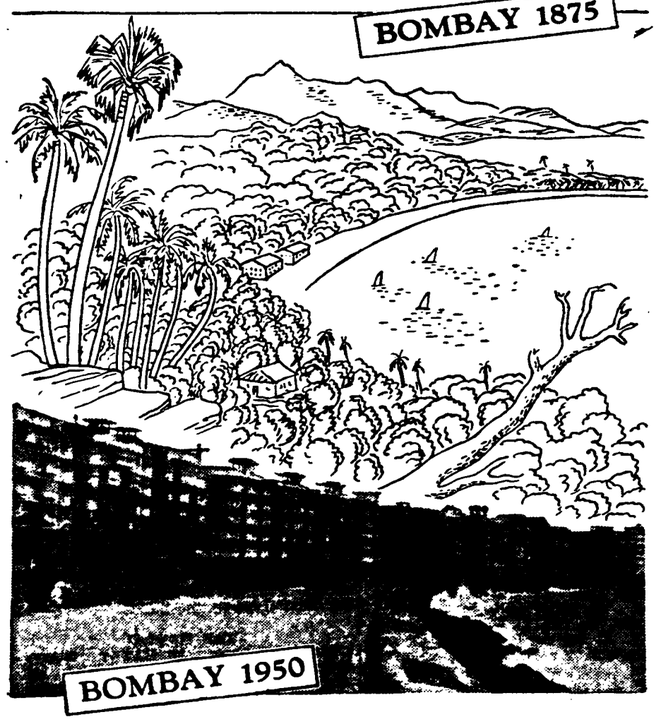

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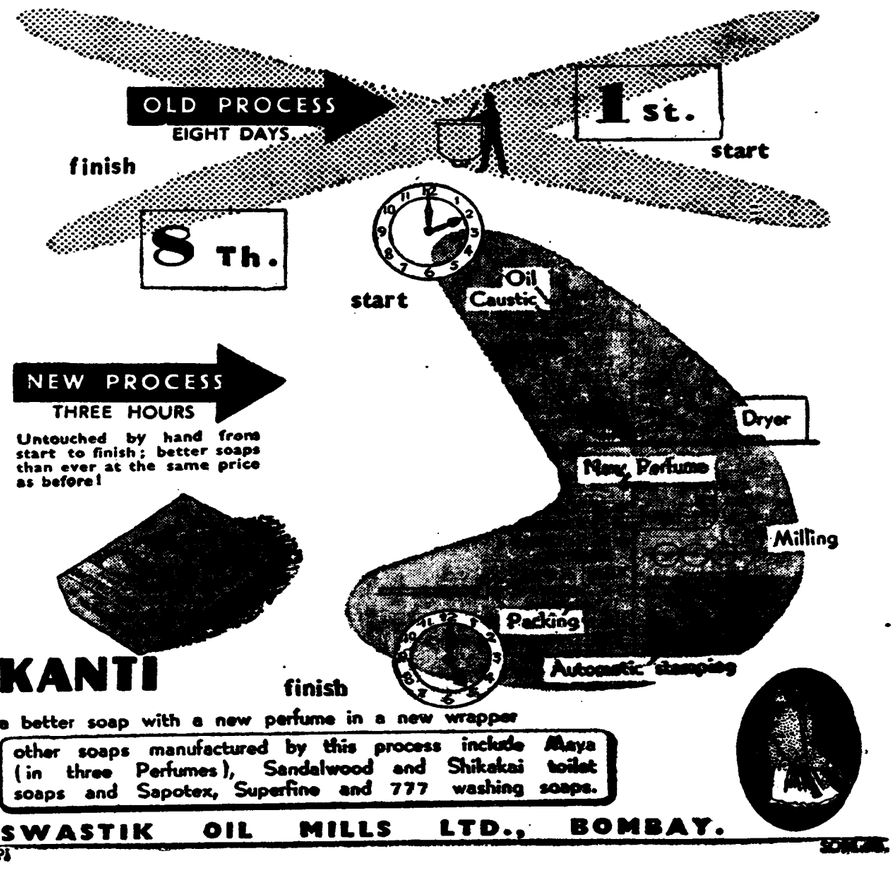

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Bombay's Hockey Has Its 'Lords' At Last

NAVAL TATA COMES BACK AS 'HEAD' WITH CONDITIONS

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

THE long awaited day for Bombay's hockey lords dawned with the holding of the adjourned general body meeting of the B. P. H. A. this evening at the St. Xavier's College and the declaration of the names of the office bearers for the year 1950-51.

Mr. Naval Tata was re-elected President and Mr. Jos Gonsalves Secretary, Messrs Cyriaco D'Souza and M. K. Rao vice-President, Mr. Ziauddin the Treasurer, Messrs. S. N. Chinoy, N. N. Guha, J. Nunes, A. W. Hanson, Kamer Saleh, J. T. Martin, C. E. Rodrigues, Tony Vaz, Leo D'Sa were elected members.

An air of expectancy filled the hall packed with 45 members, but things didn't turn out as expected as Mr. Naval Tata had much constructive work to give in black and white.

He laid down conditions for accepting the post of President of the Association which he had resigned, and took it over for one year more in the interest of hockey and the association. Besides he did not see it fit "to abandon ship, when it was sinking."

He appealed to the Press to restrain their criticism towards the Committee and confine themselves to the game itself, until the said committee settled down.

He would see to it that he and his committee worked for a larger number of people becoming members of the Association, so that it would be possible to keep the association alive on its own finances, when members would be allowed to sit in the stands free of cost and watch the games.

He also suggested that clubs should have more representatives in the committee so as to facilitate the running of their tournaments in a better manner.

Messrs. Raiji and Co. were appointed auditors and questions raised by Mr. Basil Sollis about the finances of the association were adequately dealt with by the President.

The B. P. H. A. will have their own office at the Cooperage, which will be their headquarters until the next season and if the committe agrees it is probable that the Football Referees Room, or some such space shall become their office.

The meeting observed two minutes silence in memory of the late Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel before the meeting commenced.

PORT TRUST 'A' HELD TO A DRAW

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Bombay Port Trust 'A' were forced to share points with St. Xavier's Association in the First Division of the B.P.H.A. League in what proved to be a lifeless encounter at the Cooperage this evening.

Both goals were scored in the second half of play. Port Trust were the first to score through Martins and Sydney Cordeiro equalized for the Xavier's Association.

Earlier in the evening Mazagaon Docks 'A' trounced St. Xavier's College 'C' to the tune of four goals in the Second Division.

A. Thornber stole the honour of the day with a brilliant hat-trick after Abraham had opened his sides account.

THIRD DIVISION

Telephone Club beat Carriage and Loco G.I.P. Railway by four goals to nil in the Third Division played at the Parsi Ciclists ground, while Blue Wizards 'B' beat Goan Sports 'C' by a solitary goal.

Office-Bearers Of B.S.A.A.A.

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Bombay State Amateur Athletic Association held their meeting at the Governor's Pavillion, Brabourne Stadium to elect their first office-bearers for 1950-51.

The following were elected:—A. P. Sabawalla, President; Messrs. Ullal Rao, S. H. Mehta, J. C. Maitra, D. B. Taraporewalla, David Abraham, Jal Pardiwalla, J. Jameson, Y. A. Gole, Dr. M. D. Vajifdar, K. D. Dooda, S. J. Dalal and N. H. Mantri as office-bearers.

DELHI 'VARSITY WIN BY 4 WKTS.

LUCKNOW, Dec. 19 (PTI).

Delhi University today defeated Agra University by four wickets and thus qualified to meet East Punjab in the final of the (North Zone) Inter 'Varsity cricket tournament for the Rohinton Baria Trophy which will start here from December 21.

The Scores were:

AGRA UNIVERSITY: 212 and 66 (Bedi 3 for 7, Lekhraj 3 for 22).

Delhi University 146 and 134 for 6 wkts (Hala 55, Paria 25).

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Cooperage

3-45 p.m. I.C.I. vs City 'B' (second Division).

4-45 p.m. Indian Navy vs V.J.T.I. (first Division).

Parsi Cyclists Ground

3-10 p.m. Ordnance vs H.I. Dixon.

4-10 p.m. G.I.P. 'D' vs National Bank (Third Division).

Women's Hockey Tour Fixed

A.I.W.H.A. TO SELECT TEAM AFTER TRIALS

BOMBAY, Dec. 19 (PTI).

The All-India Women's Hockey Association team to tour the United Kingdom, Ireland and Holland next Spring will sail from Bombay in the first week of March 1951.

The tour will be the first of its kind.

Selections to the side will be made by a selection committee of the A.I.W.H.A. on the basis of trial games in which nominees of State Associations affiliated to the A.I.W.H.A. will participate. Every association has already submitted a list of seven names to the parent body.

The team of 19 will undergo a fortnight's training in January at Nagpur, Delhi or Bombay.

The executive of the A.I.W.H.A. will meet at Nagpur on January 10, 1950, under the Presidentship of Mrs. Kusum Trivedi to finalise the team and decide the evnue of selection games and the two-week coaching project.

The tour will open a day after the team's arrival in London on March 19, 1951, and terminate with an international match against England at Twickneham on May 12.

Following is the itinerary: March 20-22 RAMSGATE (practice games arranged by the All England Women's Hockey Association).

March 23-27, RAMSGATE hockey festival.

March 28, WATFORD, East Anglian XI (AEWHA).

March 30 to April 6, WATFORD two matches against West County Women's Hockey Association.

April 7, Swansea or Newport, Wales.
April 11, Cork Munster (Ireland).
April 14, Belfast, Ulster (Ireland).
April 16, Fallowfield, Lancashire.
April 18, Paisley, Rest of Scotland.
April 21, Edinburgh, Scotland.
April 23, Durham, North of England.
April 25 Durham, NCWHA.
April 28, Nottingham, Midlands.
April 30, Nottingham, MCWHA.
May 2, Oxford, South of England.
May 4 to 10, (Tour of Holland).
May 12, Twickenham, England.

PAREL HOCKEY LEAGUE

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The following are the results of the matches played in the Parel Hockey League at St. Xavier's College Ground this evening.

SENIOR DIVISION: G.I.P. Railway 'B' 2 (G. Fernandes 2), B. B. and C. I. 'B' 1 (A. Vaz).

FIRST DIVISION: Khatau Sports 1 (Creado). Bombay Port Trust 'B' 0.

Metal Box 3 (Ledlie 2, Namey 1), Hind Cycles 1 (Lopez).

M.C.C. DRAW WITH 'AUSSIES' XI

Parkhouse Plays Another Good Innings

SYDNEY, Dec. 19 (PTI-Reuter):—After following on and then losing two seconds innings wickets for 22 runs, the M.C.C. drew their match against an Australian XI here today with seven wickets still standing at the close. They finished 32 runs behind.

M.C.C. were all out for 321 in their first innings this morning in reply to the Australians 526 for nine declared, and at the close they were 173 for three in their second innings.

SCORE BOARD

AUSTRALIAN XI—First Innings (for 9 declared) 526

M. C. C. (First Innings)

D. Sheppard c Harvey b Walker	8
Dewes c Walker b Ring	10
R. Simpson b Ring	23
D. Compton c Walker b Ring	115
G. Evans b Walker	31
Parkhouse c Burke b Walker	58
Bedser c Walker b Miller	7
F. R. Brown c Hole b Walker	46
A. J. Warr c Langley b Walker	3
W. E. Hollies b Noblet	1
R. Berry not out	2
Extras	17
Total	321

M.C.C. (Second Innings)

Simpson l.b.w. Miller	11
Sheppard b Ring	9
Compton c Langley b Burke	29
Dewes not out	66
Parkhouse not out	46
Extras	12
Total (for 3 wkts.)	173

Compton's Knee Causes Cocnern

BUT NO CAUSE FOR ANXIETY

SYDNEY, Dec. 19 (PTI-Reuter):—Freddie Brown, Captain of the M.C.C. touring team confirmed today that Denis Compton had been troubled by his knee injury during yesterday's play against an Australian XI here.

He said he would arrange for Compton's knee to be examined by a doctor when the team arrives in Melbourne for the second test starting on Friday.

Brown declared, "there was no floating body in the knee," but said, "it was tired after two full days in the field followed by a long innings." "This," he added, "must be expected from time to time, but though there was always reason for concern about Compton's knee there was no question of any anxiety."

The M.C.C. Captain said, "he was fully confident Compton would be fit for the test."

"The knee is not swollen, but Compton felt some pain like the toothache yesterday. There was some improvement today," he added.

POONA SUB-AREA TENNIS FINALS

PONA, December 19 (PTI).

Major Blake won the singles title of the Poona Sub-Area Lawn Tennis Tournament defeating Lieut-Col. Mohiuddin by three sets to one last evening. Lieut-Col Mohiuddin in partnership with Brigadier Billimoria, however annexed the doubles title defeating Lieut-Col Roy and Major Lopez.

Transferred For £. 25,000

BLACKPOOL, Dec. 19 (PTI-Reuter).

Alan Brown, Scottish International inside-forward was today transferred from East Fife, Scottish Football Club, to Blackpool, English first divisoin club, at a fee believed to be about £25,000.

The fee is the largest paid by Blackpool for any player, the previous highest being £11,500 for Stanley Mathews, English International right-winger.

R. A. COHEN ENTERS FINAL

Byculla Y.M.C.A. Billiards

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The conqueror of mighty Wilson Jones, R. A. Cohen fully deserves praise for the wonderful consistency he maintained to hold on to a gallant lead, which enabled him to emerge victorious by 350 points to 208 at the semi-final of the Y.M.C.A. handicap. Billiards Tourney.

Wilson Jones of course had a rather big handicap to overcome—1190 points, while Cohen had a handicap of—280.

Wilson Jones was hasty, inconsistent, and below form. He missed some very certain pots and he could have shown of his bit in the end when he nearly got within striking range.

Wilson Jones' breaks were: 32, 31, 82, 33, 44, 63, 52, 78, 35, 102, 102, 55, 37, 149 and 86; while Cohen's breaks were: 21, 21, 22, 33, 39, 26.

Durand Cup Soccer At Delhi

NEW DELHI, December 19 (PTI): Local joint leaders, Simla Youngs, trounced Maharashtra Football Association by seven goals to nil in the first round of the Durand Soccer Tourney today.

The score was no true indication of the game for the visitors shared the exchanges, but a weak defence resulted in their defeat. Their forwards showed superior combination and grand enterprise but once they were in the penalty area they mysteriously fizzled out. The only player to catch the eye on the visitors side was Murthi, outside left.

BOMBAY RACES EIGHTH DAY

Entries For Aga Khan's Cup And C. C. Gulliland Plate

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The following are the entries for the Eighth Day of the Bombay Races Winter Meeting which takes place on Tuesday, December 26 (Boxing Day). The Chief Events of the day being the Aga Khan's Cup and three Gulliolnd Plate.

THE C. C. GULLILAND PLATE
1 Mile

Pippy, City Gates, Royal Crusader, Paper King, Diesel, Stanbridge, Du-Bon-Air, Neola, Roadborne, Liberty Belle, Shan-e-Hind.

THE AGA KHAN'S CUP—1½ Miles

Firmament, Gang Bhup, Namdar, Royal Crusader, First Royalty, Ceylan, Fight of Fancy, Du-Bon-Air, Chocolate Baby, Brave Prince, Prince Ajit, Summer Lightning, Rao Saheb.

THE OKARA PLATE—1 Mile

Pelion, Goodwill, Post Master, Viveca, Ruksana, Game Bid, The Girl Friend, Nava Ratna, Dil-Ki-Bat, Khundil, The Duke, Kalyani, Kirti, Chand Chakor, Happy Go Lucky, Ghizala, Gay Pilot, Who's That, Saita, Ayaaz, Rustum, Near Image, (Powar) Manisha, Shubh Luxmi.

THE NAVSARI PLATE—5 Furs.

Gorgia, Bright Faith, Taloja, Haseen, My Lucky Star, Priceless, H. R. H., Precious Neckless, Paras Mani, Maharaj Kumari, Janikpuri, Recent Vintage, Dilbahar, Eastern Queen, Free Port, Sushama, Dev Kanya, Indy, Dutch Maid, Cookie, Star Money.

THE BORIVLI PLATE—7 Furs.

Gitanjali, Firdaussi, Vagabond Queen, Mah-i-Nau, Hikmet, Pick Pocket, Slap and Tickle, Princess Dominic, Sangram, Rajguru, Village Green, Wagh Mahal, London Tan, Indian Port, Mayfair Lady, Reshone, Short Story, Gun Drill, Kickshaw, Fox Trot, Radio Star, Untamed Prince, True Love, Star of America, Luminary, Mohabat, Mirella, Titina, Moonface, Shirazi, Ajinkya Tara II, Red Carnation, Bansiwale, Ruqaiyya, Pre Catelan, Show On, Nizamuddin, Cool and Collected, Won Thousand, Mah Khurshid.

THE VELLARD PLATE—1 Mile.

Greek Star, Golden Orb, Tamasha, Havana, Galloping Lad, King's Star, Aawaz, Royal Guard, Fowzia, Marie Louise, Gold Spa, Anant Lakshmi, Repartee, Panditji, Pessu Pasha, Time Bomb, New Era, Gold Street, Samurai Kotdhwaj, The Roarer, Reviera, Flying Miss, Black Page Futurity, Embarkation, Lady Coleopatra, Pick Money Pesimist, Taslaroon, Princesa, Star Saphire, The Cavalier.

FERREIRA LASTS OUT TO WIN OVER SETH

Quarter Final Of All India Badminton

NAGPUR December 19, (PTI).

IN the quarter-finals of the All India Badminton Championship, Bombay's Henry Ferriera registered a straight set victory over T. N. Seth of U. P. who last week fully extended India's number one Devinder Mohan in the men's singles of the Inter- State Tournament.

Seth, slightly out of from today, played many faulty strokes and did not employ his effective cross-court smashes. Playing more confindently, Henry Ferreira by his deceptive net drops and placings and smashing Seth's return tosses from the baseline to good purpose defeated the U. P. Champion by 15/12 and 15/9.

The Delhi singles players Chiranjit, Amrit and Jaini lost themselves to Devinder Mohan (Bombay) Manoj Guha (Bengal) and Gur Prasad (East Punjab) respectively. Honours of the extended fight between Amrit and Guha went to the former but Amrit's lack of stamina for the third game enabled the Bengal champion to win the match easily. Jaini, being completely off colour, could not take more than four points in each of the two sets against Gur Prasad, whose control of shuttle was a remarkable feature of the day's matches.

Bengal having beat East Punjab by three to two in the inter-state semi-finals tournament will now meet Bombay in the finals tomorrow.

Following are the results:—

MEN'S SINGLES

H. Ferreira (Bombay) beat T. N. Seth (U.P.) 15/12 15/9. Devinder Mohan (Bombay) beat Chiranjit (Delhi) 13/15 15/3 and 15/3. M. Guha (Bengal) beat Amrit (Delhi) 15/17 15/12 15/3. Gur Prasad (E. P.) beat S. L. Jaini (Delhi) 15/4 15/4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Mrs. Acharya (M. P.) beat Miss S. Phansalkar (Bombay) 11. Miss Pushpa Anand (E. P.) beat Miss M. Tambe (M.P.) 11/4 8/11 11/3.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Miss Apte and Miss Phalnikar (Maha) beat Miss Ray and Miss Kher (M. P.) 15/9 15/6.

In the inter-state semi-finals, Bengal which led East Punjab by two to one yesterday today qualified for the finals after playing the remaining two matches against East Punjab as follows:

MIXED DOUBLES: Gur Prasad and Miss P. Anand (E.P.) beat G. Hemmady and Miss Morton 15/2 11/15 and 15/6.

MEN'S DOUBLES: M. Guha and G. Hemmady (Bengal) beat Gur Prasad and Darshankumar.

INTER 'VARSITY SPORTS MEET

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 19 (PTI).

Twentyone teams from the various universities of India and the University of Ceylon have arrived here to participate in the Tenth Inter-'Varsity Sports Meet which begins here tomorrow.

For the first time in the history of Inter-Varsity sports nearly 40 women athletes from Allahabad, Baroda, Bombay, East Punjab, Karnatak, Nagpur and Saugor Universities will take part in such a meet. Besides, 260 men athletes from Aligarh, Andhra Allahabad, Banaras, Baroda, Bomboy, Ceylon, Delhi, East Punjab, Karnatak, Lucknow, Madras, Mysore, Osmania, Patna, Poona, Rajasthan, Saugor and Utkal Universities have also entered the contest.

The sports meet will be inaugurated by Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, tomorrow morning. The meet will be declared closed the following day by Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur, Health Minister, Government of India.

The managers of all the university teams met here at a conference this evening and discussed preliminary arrangements.

The track in the M.C.C. grounds wore a bright appearance and a number of athletes including girls students were seen on the track in their colours for practice.

CEYLON TO STAY AWAY FROM FIRST ASIAN GAMES

COLOMBO, Dec. 19 (PTI-Reuter).

Ceylon will not send a team to the first Asian Games to be held at New Delhi next March.

Meeting here yesterday the local Olympic Games Council deplored the "lack of information" supplied by the Secretary of the Asian Games Federation in his letter of December 5 and regretted its inability to participate in the games in these circumstances.

The Council at a previous meeting decided to send a token team provided further details about the games were available.

Mr. G. D. Sondhi, Secretary of the Asian Games Federation in his reply which was tabled at yesterday's meeting of the Council is reported to have taken the attitude that the Council's request for further information was a "reflection" on his organisation of games.

Baroda Lead With 32 Runs And 4 Wkts. Intact

VIJAY HAZARE'S BRILLIANT UNBEATEN CENTURY

RAJKOT, December 19, (PTI).

AT the close of play, Baroda were with four wickets intact, in the first leading Saurashtra by 32 runs, innings of their Ranji Trophy match. Saurashtra had scored 211 in their first knock yesterday.

The features of the post-lunch play was a faultless century by Vijaya Hazare. His total included eleven hits to the boundary and a six off Oza.

Hazare was associated in two fruitful partnershpis, the first for the fourth wicket of 73 with gul Mahomed who scored 49 runs and the other of 99 runs with the Yuvraj of Baroda for the fifth wicket. Yuvraj's share was 35 including five hits to the ropes.

B. Narottam, a medium paced bowler, bowled almost for the whole day, resting himself for only 20 minutes before taking the new ball at 162. He took three wickets conceding 23 runs in 46 overs.

SCORE BOARD

Saurashtra (first innings) 211

BARODA (first innings:)

S K Vichare b Vora	..			19
R B Nimbalkar c Vora bNarottam				22
D K Gaekwad c Vijayasinh b Norattam	..			7
Vijay Hazare not out	..			115
Gul Mahomed c Waghela b Nyalchand	..			49
Yuvraj of Baroda lbw Narottam				35
J M Ghorpade st Waghela b Nyalchand	..			0
Vivek Hazare not out	..			5
V K Gaekwad, Pradhan and Y Sheikh to bat				
Extras	..			1
Total (for 6 wickets)	..			243

BOWLING ANALYSIS:

Narottam	46	10	123	3
Jayantilal Vora	14	4	38	1
Nyalchand	35	7	74	2
Jayantilal	4		7	3

INDIAN 'VARSITY XI TO MEET TOURISTS

CALCUTTA, Dec. 19 (PTI).

B. R. Irani of the Bombay University will captain the Indian Universities XI against the Commonwealth tourists in a three day match commencing here tomorrow.

The team announced tonight is as follows: B. R. Irani (Bombay—Captain), P. Roy (Calcutta—Vice Captain), C. T. Patankar (Bombay—wicket-keeper), G. D. Misra (Nagpur), C. D. Gopinath (Madras), Om Prakash (Banaras), D. H. Shodhan (Gujerat), L. T. Adisesh (Mysore), R. R. Shelke (Poona), R. Shangloo (Delhi) and Nasir Ali Khan (Osmania—Hyderabad).

FIRST CLASSIC OF CALCUTTA TURF

CALCUTTA, December 19 (PTI).

Seven horses are left in for the first classic of the Calcutta Turf, the Trial Stakes for a mile, formely known as the King Emperor's Cup, to be run on Friday, December 22.

They are:- Slimette, Golden Past, Fair Ray, Pilot Sergeant, Skyward, Balam and Grand Title.

The race will be worth about Rs. 41,000 this year.

As announced earlier, the Fifth Day of the Calcutta first meeting will be held on Friday, December 22, instead of Saturday, December 23. The sixth day of the meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 26. This revised fixture was necessitated by the postponement of the first day's programme due to inclement weather on Saturday, November 18.

POONA SUB-AREA VOLLEY BALL FINAL

POONA, December 19 (PTI).

Southern Command, Signal Regiment scored an easy victory over the Armoured Centre and School in the Final of the Poona Sub-Area Volley Ball Tournament this evening.

Results:—Southern Command, Signal Regiment beat Armoured Centre and School 15|5 15|7.

THE GOODS ARE IN PLENTY

Harindranath On Eastern Europe

LONDON, Dec. 19 (PTI): Harindranath Chattopadhyaya, Indian poet and dramatist, who came to Europe to attend the World Peace Conference at Warsaw, flew home today.

He told the Press Trust of India that he had been 'deeply impressed" by what he had seen in Poland and Czechoslovakia. There were lavish stocks of food in the shops, he said. A wealth of toys and first class goods of every description were on sale for those who could afford to buy them.

Huge buildings were springing up, at great speed.

Mr. Chatopadyaya spent a fortnight in Prague, the Czech capital. As it is the traditional home of the puppet theatre, he spent a lot of time seeing puppet shows and talking to the people who write plays, stage them, speak the voices and make the dolls.

The dolls, Mr. Chattopadhyaya said, were "a riot of the imagination". He would like to see performances in India, especially in Telangana (Andhra) which, research had shown had witnessed some of the earliest puppet shows in history.

PLEA FOR WRITERS

Mr. Chattopadhya concluded by saying that writers in Poland and Czechoslovakia were supported by the State. But it was "all bunk" to suggest that they therefore wrote along a particular line. They were very highly paid. "In other parts of the world, like India, we writers have hardly any security. If we could be sure of our maintenance, we could then concentrate on really worth-while work.

"It is the duty of a state to endow its acknowledged writers and house and feed them. They are moulders of thought".

Colonisation Of Evicted Persons In Ahmedabad

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 19 (PTI): The scheme for the colonisation of about a thousand families of tenants evicted by landlords in Rajpipla division in Broach district under the Tenancy Act of the Government of Bombay was recently inaugurated by Dr. Chandulal Desai, a Congress worker of Gujerat.

PRESS ACT CHALLENGED

Supreme Court Judgment Pending

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (PTI).—The Supreme Court today reserved judgment on the appeal of Mr. K. M. Menon, Secretary of the People's Publishing House, Bombay, challenging the Press Emergency Powers Act under which a prosecution is pending against the appellant in a Bombay Court.

The appellant contended that Section 18 (1) of the Press Act was void as it was inconsistent with the fundamental right of a citizen to "freedom of speech and expresssion" guaranteed under the Constitution.

The appeal involved the interpretation of the meaning of the word "void" as contained in Article 13 of the Constitution which says all laws inconsistent with the fundamental rights shall be deemed void.

Hyderabad Reds' Plea Dismissed Again

HYDERABAD (DN), December 19 (PTI).

MR. JUSTICE KHALEELUZZMAN Siddique of the Hyderabad High Court dismissed today the appliation filed by twelve persons of Telangana, described as "Communists" and condemned to death, for the issue of a writ of certiorari to the special tribunal "a" asking them as to why the sentence of death passed on them should not be quashed under Article 226 of the Constitution.

"The "condemned persons" also prayed for the issue of a writ of prohibition to Superintendent of the Secunderabad District Jail requiring him to stop their executions and also all preparations for their executions.

Dismissing the application, his Lordship observed, "This High Court has finaly decided the appeal. The Supreme Court has refused to grant leave. After a final decision of the High Court, there is no right in the subject to be protected under Article 226 of the Constitution.

"If the petitioners can open the decision of the High Court in some appropriate proceedings, he may do so. The application is misconceived and is, therefore, dismissed."

The "condemned persons" in their application contended that the judgement of the Special Tribunal 'a' dated 9-8-49 sentencing them to "death" was, and is, "illegal, and void on the ground that no sentence of death ibposed in respect of any crime alleged to have been committed before 30-10-1949 could be validly carried out. Furthermore, no sentence of death can be carried out in Hyderabad State without the personal ratification or approval of H. E. H. the Nizam."

It will be recalled that the Hyderabad High Court had dismissed their appeal against the death sentence of the Special Tribunal 'A' in December 1949 and later the Supreme Court rejected the request for special leave to appeal to it on the ground that when the Hyderabad High Court delivered the judgement, it was not a court in the territory of India and therefore they had no jurisdiction to entertain an appeal against its judgment.

District News

MALEGAON, Dec. 19 (H.S.): The President of the local Congress Committee, Shri Mangaldas Bhavsar was elected the President of the Malegaon Municipality, scoring nineteen against the six voters.

POLICE OFFICIAL CONVICTED

SHOLAPUR, Dec. 19: A local police-Sub-Inspector, Shri Padhye has been sentenced to six months' R. I. and to pay Rs. 500 as fine, by the City Magistrate Shri Purandare, on the charge of accepting bribe. His asscoiate through whom the bribe was administered to him, was also sentenced to three years' R.I. and to pay fine Rs. 200.

FOOD POSITION

THANA, Dec. 19 (H.S.): The Collector of Thana, Shri Jasjitsinh, in the course of the Monthly Press Conference yesterday, declared the food-situation of the District as 'Satisfactory' with 2,500 tons of food-grains in store for December.

He refuted the reports of scarcity of food-grains in several ration-shops of the District and attributed the reported inadequate food-supply to the lack of funds with the co-operative societies running the ration shops.

The collection of levy atPARNALI was declared to have ended peacefully.

The press-conference came to an abrupt end when nearly 400 workers of the salt-beds at Belapur had marched to the Collector's office, demanding immediate re-commencement of the work of production in the salt-beds and the fixation of Rs. 62 per month as the wages for the workers. The Collector addressed the demonstrators and promised all possible aid after joint consultation with the proprietors, merchants, the customs authorities and the workers.

DETENTION OF FRONTIER GANDHI

RAIPUR, Dec. 19 (H.S.): The local 'Hindu-Muslim-Party' Committee adopted a resolution condemning the unwarranted detentio of Anbdul Gaffar Khan by the Pakistan Government, had demanded his immediate unconditional release.

CONSTITUTION

NAGPUR, Dec. 19 (H.S.): The three-member Committee, appointed by the Government of India to translate the Indian Constitution into Marathi, has finished two-thirds of its work, when it had met here for the last three weeks. The Committee will again resume its work in the month of January.

Prof. Banhatti of Nagpur, Dr. M. G. Deshmukh and Shri Y. R. Date, who composed the first standard Marathi Dictionary, were the members of the Committee that had four meetings, till now.

GOLD MEDAL

NAGPUR, Dec. 19 (H.S.): Mr. Kamalkishore Biyani, son of Shri. Brijalal Biyani, leader of the Madhya Pradesh Congress, has been offered the 'Gold Medal' by the Nagpur University this year, for his recent composition on 'World Politics'. Mr. Kamalkishore is at present in England for his higher studies at Oxford.

INVITATION

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 19 (H.S): Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Acharya Kripalani have been invited to attend as Chief Guests, the annual Social Gatherings of S. I. D. Arts College and the Gujerat College, respectively.

ACQUITTED

The Additional Sessions Judge of Ahmedabad, Mr. Sheth acquited both the accused in the murder case of Late Kachubhai Balubhai, an active Congress worker of Gundi.

The local Middle Class Union has comvened a middle class conference at Ahmedabad on 23rd and 24th December 1950. Justice Harisiddhabhai Divetia Vice-Chancellor of the Gujarat University will preside, it is learnt.

The Gujerat Provincial Congress Committee at its meeting yesterday decided to erect a memorial to 'The Lion of Gujerat', Sardar Patel, at Ahmedabad where he first began his political career.

RED LEADER ARRESTED

RAIPUR, Dec. 19 (H.S.): Com. Manmohansinh, one of the top-ranking Communist leaders of Madhya Pradesh who was absconding for the last eighteen months, was arrested heer at his residence.

CONFERENCE

AKOLA, Dec. 19 (H.S.): A conference of the cowherds of adjoining villages will be convened shortly by Mr. Waghmare, a local Social worker, with a view to give vent to their grievances against the Municipal regulations regarding cattle.

DEATH ON THE TRACK

KIRLOSKARWAD, Dec. 19 (H.S.): Two female corpses were found lying by the Railway track, three miles from here. Their identity could not be established due to the distorted faces. Deep dound were visible on the bodies. Further invetisgation is being carried on by the police.

FIRE HAVOC

KALYAN, Dec. 19 (H.S.): Sixty-seven houses and large quantities of rice were destroyed in a fire that broke out last Friday at Manivali a near-by village. No loss of human life is reported.

GOOD FOR THE MANGO

RATNAGIRI, Dec. 19 (PTI).—Ratnagiri has been in the grip of a cold spell for the past four days and this climate is considered very favourable for the mango crop.

Flowering of mango trees has already commenced, and if the present cold weather continues for another fortnight, the mango crop is expected to be abundant.

SCATTERED REALISING IN TATA STEELS

Modest Support At Decline In Mill Shares

BOMBAY, December 19.

After yesterday's sharp rise the level Share Bazar developed comparatively quiet tone today under scattered liquidation. The market will remain closed from 22nd December to January 1, 1951 both days inclusive for X'mas and New Year holidays. The last trading day for the current settlement will be January 5, 1951.

The market sentiment continues bullish but in view of coming holidays, there will be more inclination to even up open accounts and the market is subject to wider price movement.

At present the market sentiments is influenced by the international political developments. The Defence preparations are responsible for the bullish sentiment and buyers look for higher prices in coming months.

Tata Steel Defd. Shares opened at Rs. 1905/- against yesterday's close at Rs. 1922/8 but improved at Rs. 1910/- on small buying support. At this level there was cessation of buyings and the market declined at Rs. 1902/8 under profittaking. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 365/- and after gaining one point at Rs. 366/- declined at Rs. 364/-. Indian Irons were quoted at Rs. 32/6 and Bengal Steels were done at Rs. 23/4.

Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1032/8 and after improving at Rs. 1055/- steadied at Rs. 1053/12. Kohinoor Mill Shares opened at Rs. 345 and after improving at Rs. 346/- steadied at Rs. 345/-. Simplex Mill Shares were quoted at Rs. 278/-. Svadeshi Shares opened at Rs 318/- and declined at Rs. 316/-.

Scindia Shares were quoted at Rs. 16/11 and Bombay Burmas came in business at Rs. 495/-. Associated Cements were placed at Rs. 177/-.

Later on there was scattered buying and Tata Steel Defds. were quoted at Rs. 1912/8 and Ordinary shares were done at Rs. 366/8. Bombay Dyeings were quoted at Rs. 1057/12. The market was quietly steady.

Tata Steel Defds. improved at Rs. 1917/8 but declined at Rs. 1896/4 and closed at Rs. 1902/8. Ordinary shares declined at Rs. 363/8 while Bombay Dyeings closed at Rs. 1055, Kohinoors were quoted at Rs. 345/8. Nagpurs were steady at Rs. 267, while Gokaks improved at Rs. 256. Indores advanced at Rs. 160. Belapurs gained 3 points at Rs. 287. Closing tone was quiet.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES		
Bombay Dyeing (7-8)	1055	0
Kohinoor Mill (6)	345	8
Swadeshi Mills (14)	317	12
Central India Mills (6)	267	0
Simplex Mills (11)	277	8
New Great Eastern (3-2)	177	0
Indore (4)	160	0
Gokak (11)	256	0
Century Spinning (8)	281	4
India Bleaching (8)	180	0
Swan (20)	370	0
Finlay Mills (15)	290	0
Morarji (4-8)	185	0
Edward (15)	290	0
Meyer (8)	92	8
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	3	5
India United Ord (1-1-6)	13	11
India United Defd. (0-2-0)	2-4-3	
Madhusudan (15)	151	4
Podar (9)	150	10
Khatau (7)	187	8
STEELS		
Tata Steel Ord (16)	363	12
Tata Steel Defd. (79-5)	1902	8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref (7-3)	133	12
CEMENT		
Associated Cement (7)	177	8
INDUSTRIES		
Burma (15)	492	8
Belapur (12-8)	287	0
Shivrajpur (1-3)	57	0
Scindia Steam	16	10
Premier Construction (4)	128	0
Tata Chemical	15	8
Tata Oil (1)	45	8
Indian Iron (1)	32	5
Bengal Steel (0-10)	23	2
British India Corp. (0-9)	9-6-6	
India Copper	3	3
Wimco (11)	270	0
Alcock (28-2)	346	14
ELECTRIC SHARES		
Andhra Valley (45) XD	1470	0
Tata Hydro (4-8) XD	159	8
Tata Power (50) XD	1617	8

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS		
Elphinstone (15)	62	0
Phoenix (6)	120	10
Indian Mfg. (40)	3350	0
Kurla (78)	125	0
Colaba (6)	80	8
New City (11)	197	8
Minerva (12)	134	6
Bradbury	453	4
Bharucha	4	12
Bharat (2)	28	4
Mysore Defd. (4) XD	163	12
Madhavji (0-12-0)	12	0
Model Mills (12-8)	152	8
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	605	0
Vishnu Cotton (6)	202	8
Standard (15)	240	0
Sholapur (200)	3060	0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8 0)	27	0
Hindustan Mills (40) XD	3410	0
Tata Mills (2)	55	0
Ahmedabad Advance (9)	221	4
Sassoon Silk (2-10)	35	0
New Union Mills (0-8)	25	10
Madhusudan S (2-8)	32	0
Shrinivas Mills (12-8)	190	0
Raja Bahadur (4)	60	0
Berar	260	0
Victoria Mills	225	0
ELECTRIC (CASH)		
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	115	10
Ahmedabad New (0-14-4)	112	0
Surat Electric (5)	141	4
Karachi Electric (2)	127	8
Broach (0-5)	6	1
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10	2
Amalgamated (0-12)	11	10
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	27	0
Poona Electric Supply (5-2)	125	0
Bombay Suburban (4-8)	148	12
Jalgaon	10	10
BANK SHARES		
Imperial Bank of India (40)	1995	0
Imperial Bank P. (10)	491	4
Central Bank (1-8)	80	4
Central Bank New (1-8)	80	0
Bank of India (3)	179	8
Union (0-5)	7	3
Baroda (2-8)	128	0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	31	
United Commercial (1-12)	46	0
Jaipur Bank (1-8)	37	0
Hindustan Commercial (1)	22	8
Mysore Bank (8)	865	0
Eastern Bank (14-9)	82	0
INSURANCE SHARES		
Oriental (125)	4315	0
Empire (10)	615	0
New India (2)	67	4
Jupiter (0-12)	14	8
Vulcan (1-10)	12	5
Ind. Mercantile	41	0
B.I.C.	16	5
Industrial and Prudential	28	4
Neptune	7	0
New Great	18	4
All India General	8	6
RAILWAY SHARES		
C. P. (2-4)	114	4
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES		
Bombay Steam (10)	260	0
Bombay Burma New (5)	162	8
Burma Petrol	1 9	9
Kemp and Co (30)	342	8
Mackenzie (6)	91	0
Port Canning (3)	52	0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	93	4
Industrial Invest Trust (3-12)	85	0
Dharamsey Chemical (4)	68	0
Mukund Iron	5	0
Dena Trust (0-12)	12	0
Alembic (15)	121	4
Supreme Industries	90	0
Bombay Uganda	65	12
Indian Cement (1937)	23	0
Walchand Nagar Industries (15)	176	4
United Motor	28	0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	785	0
Hydro Construction	19 2	6
Mahamadi Steam	100	0
Gujerat Motor	26	0
Sardar Carbonic XD	750	0
Harvey Press	310	0
Estrella Batteries	37	0
National Rayon	68	12
Bombay Cycle	84	0
Jost Co.	75	0
Digvijay Cement	70	0
PREFERENCE SHARES		
Tata Steel 1st (6) XD	195	0
Bengal Steel	116	4
Indian Iron	107	0
Andhra Valley (7)	1240	0
Tata Power (7-8)	1352	8
Hydro-Electric (7) XD	131	4
Bombay Steamer (6)	233	12
Central India (5)	632	8
Swadeshi Mills	130	0
Vishnu Mills (7)	676	4
Laxmi	275	0
New Great Mills (5-3)	215	0
Podar Mills (4)	95	0
Shrinivasa Mills	98	0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	109	0
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	345	0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	136	4
Pre Construction First	102	4
Pre Construction 2nd Pref	99	12
Amalgamated	115	0
Habib	72	0
Tata Chemical	132	8
Walchandnagar	126	4
Jupiter	12	15
Supreme	92	8
Meyer	95	0
Mackenzie (First)	92	0
Mackenzie (2)	85	0
Ahmedabad Advance	127	8
Mysore Mill	41	0
Standard	99	0
Madhusudhan	12	0
Khatau	97	8
Morarji	94	8
National Rayon	79	0
DEBENTURES		
Andhra 1952	101	4
Rubber Planting		
Bombay Steamer	98	14
Indian Hume Pipe	101	0
Tata Power 1951	101	0
Walchandnagar (6)	106	0
OUTSIDE SHARES		
Burma Corporation	2	11
New Victoria Mills	2	2
New Victoria Pref.	4	2
Phalton (8)	130	8
Gold Mohor (20)	315	0
New Kaiser Hind	170	0
Sajjan Mills	100	0
Osmanshahi	115	0
Ajam Shahi	110	0
Air Services	3	12
Air India Tata	59	12
Hind Motor	6	6
Walchand Motor	52	0
India Steam	7	8
Tata Locomotive	94	0
Killick Industries XD	131	8

GOLD & SILVER

Bullish Activity

BOMBAY, Dec. 19.

Serious international political situation was mainly responsible for a sharp rise in the price of silver on the local bullion exchange.

The market was manipulated by professional bull operators and the developments in Korea helped the upward drive. There was scarcity of offerings and shorts were compelled to cover their unprotected short interest.

Forward silver opened at Rs. 185 and declined at Rs. 184-12 on scattered liquidation but firmed up at Rs. 185-2 on renewed bull support and steadied at Rs. 185. Forward gold opened at Rs. 107-14 and after declining at Rs. 107-12 steadied at Rs. 107-13-6.

Ready mint silver was quoted at Rs. 185-6 while spot bullion bars were placed at Rs. 184-10. Ready gold was quoted at Rs. 107-14 and Sovereigns were offered at Rs. 74-12.

Thereafter there was increased liquidation in Silver and price declined at Rs. 184-9 but increased covering hardened gold at Rs. 108-7. Later on there was heavy short covering in silver which hardened price at Rs. 185-8. Final quotations were as under:

Ready Silver	184	8	0
Forward	184	14	0
Ready Gold	108	8	0
Forward	108	8	0

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

BOMBAY, Dec. 19.

2-1/2% 1954	98	13	0
2½% 1955	99	8	0
2½% 1961	96	4	0
2-3/4% 1960	98	8	0
2-3/4% 1962	98	4	0
3% 1970	94	0	0
3% 1986 Con.	93	0	0
3% 1951/54	101	1	0
3% 1953/55	108	7	0
3% 1937	100	6	6
3% 1959/65	99	13	0
3% 1963/65	98	15	0
3% 1959/65	99	12	0
3% 1966/68	98	0	0
3% 1970/71	97	2	0
3-1/2% 1954/58	103	14	0
4-1/2% 1955/60	109	2	0
4-1/2 p. c. 1955/60	109	5	0
4% 1958/68	112	4	0
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
3% Bombay 1962	99	2	0
3% Bombay 1960	99	4	0
2-3/4% U.P 1961	96	12	0
2-3/4% Madras 1961	96	12	0
3% Bombay 1955	100	8	0
3% Bombay 1958	100	4	0
3% Punjab 1952	101	8	0
3% Madras 1952/53	100	6	0
3% U.P 1952	100	8	0
3% C.P. 1952	100	8	0
3% N.W.P 1952	100	0	0
3% U.P 1961/66	99	2	0
MUNICIPAL			
3-1/4% 1977	98	12	0
4% B.P.I.	109	4	0
4% B Municipality	109	0	0
5% B Municipality	113	0	0
5% B Municipality 1954	112	0	0

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 19.

The Government has banned forward business in oilseeds and no forward trading took place. Ready groundnuts were quoted at Rs. 45/10 Khandesh quality Rs. 44/8. Bold Linseed was quoted at Rs. 42/12, Castorseeds were placed at Rs. 45/8.

The general meeting of the new association will be held on the 23rd inst. and the Government is expected to grant necessary recognition as early as possible.

Indian Stock Exchange

BOBMAY, Dec. 19.

Tata Ordinary 363-12, Tata Deferred 1900, Indian Iron 32-5, Steel Corpn. of Bengal 23-2, Bombay Dyeing 1055, Central India 267, Gokak 256, Kohinoor 345-8, Simplex 277-8, Swadeshi 317-8, Tata Power 1620, Associated Cement 177-8, Belapur 288, Bombay Burma (Old) 495, Scindia 16-10, Central Bank 80, New India 67-4, Tata 2nd Pref 139-12.

The Market will remain closed for Christmas and New Year Holidays from Friday, December 22, 1950 to Monday, January 1, 1951 (Both days inclusive).

Sales Of Treasury Bills

BOMBAY, Dec. 19.

During the week ended the 15th December Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 5,57,50,000 were sold in favour of the Reserve Bank of India.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Easier Tone

CALCUTTA, Dec. 19 (PTI): The market displayed slightly easier notes today with regard to the more speculative stocks due to prof.t-taking while other stocks remained more or less unaitered.

The following are today's final transactions upto 3-00 p.m.:

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent loan 1986 93/1 Three per cent loan 1951/54 101/- SO lot, Three per cent loan 1959/61 99/10, Three per cent loan 1964 98/4 S odd lot Three per cent loan 1970/75 97/3 S lot.

BANKS: Allahabad Conty. 225/- Calcutta National 11/12, Imperial fully paid 1968/8, ditto conty 478/8 CT.

COTTONS: Elgin Mills 17/12, Jayashree Textiles 6/14 Kesoram 21/2 New Victoria Ordy. 2/4, ditto pref. 1/1.

COALS: Amalgamated 25/12, Bengal 551/-, Burrakur 14/6, Central India 5/14, Churulia 4/15, Seebpur 42/4 exdiv, South Karanpura 26/14, Standard 23/1, Western Bengal 6/10, Dhemo Main 17/4, Pench Valley 28/-, Sendra 24/8, Talcher 2/8.

JUTES: Anglo India 297/- S lot, Auckland 1567/-, Ally 266/-, Belvedere 322/-, Cheviot 275/-, Ganges 380/-, Howrah 35/11, Lawrence 245/- Megna 175/- SOL, Nuddea 81/8. Presidency 6/14, Budge Budge 246/-, Delta 270/-, Fort Gloster 460/-, India 208/-, Orient 237/-, Reliance 24/10.

ENGINEERINGS: Braithwaite and Co., 9/14, Indian Iron 32/6, Jessop and Co. 19/2, Marshalls 8/11, Steel Corp. 23/3, Textile Machinery 7/1.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corp 2/12 Consolidated Tin 1/12, Indian Copper 3/4, Dalmia Cement ordy. 5/-, Sone Valley Cement 7/4 Alkali and Chemical 15/8 Calcutta Electric 15/14. Alluminium Corp. 7/9, Angelo Bros. 32/12, Bararee Coke 24/1 BIC 9/7, F and C Osler 5/2, India Wood Products 37/8, Martin Burn 16/14, National Insulated Cable 12/4 CT, National Tobacco 18/14, Rohtas Industry 5/8, British Burma Petrol 1/10, Titaghur Paper 29/4, Midnapore Zamindary 61/- S lot, India Steamship 7/9.

SUGARS: Belsund 6/12, Carew and Co. 9/8 Mohini Sugar 3/9 UP Sugar 13/4.

TEAS: Brookebond 12/14, Central Cachar 93/-, Dufflaghur 37/- Jutlibari 11/10, Namburnadi 9/10, Sarugaon 22/6 Tengpani 20 12. CT, East India 21/- Kornafuli 10/8 SO lot, Sapoi 13/10.

Madras Stock Exchange

BOMBAY, Dec. 19.

The following are today's quotations in Madras share market at 4 p.m.:—

LOANS: Three per cent paper 93/- three per cent 1986 93/1 three per cent 1953/55 101/8 three per cent 1970/75 97/4 three per cent 1966/68 97/14 three per cent 1964 98/4 Government of Travancore three per cent 1952/54 101/6 Government of Madras three per cent 1956 99/15/6 three per cent 1958 99/7 three percent 1958 100/- three per cent 1959 99/7 three per cent 1960 98/10.

BANKS: Travancore 13/-.

PLANTINGS: Chembra 5/3 Cochin Malabar 8/11 Devashola 17/- Nelliampathy 1/13 Nilgiri Tea 11/6 Ouchterlony 8/- Peermade 58/8 Pullangode 2/7 Thirumbadi 3/11 T R and T C. 8/15 Vaikundam 14/- Water Fall 3/5/6 Rajagiri 7/3 Pref. 6 per cent 7/6.

TEXTILES: Buckingham 144/- Pref. 7-1/2 per cent 190/-, Cambodia 12/13, Coimbatore CM 175/- —do— Pioneer 121/- Spg. 56/8 Dhanalakshmi 272/- Janardhana 86/- Lakshmi 86/- Madura 36/8 Mettur 385/- Radhakrishna 151/- Rajalakshmi 91/- Ranga Vilas 58/8 Trichinopoly 14/4 Vasanta 133/4 Trav. Rayons 5/3.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 73/- F A C T 7/- India Cement 15/14 Pref. five per cent (India Cement) 97/6 Indian Steel rolling 8/- Mettur Chem. 5/15 Mysore Chem. Fert. 9/8.

Art Silk Yarn

BOMBAY, Dec. 19.

120 Ready Japan	8	6	0
150 Ready Japan	8	6	0
120 Ready Italy	7	1	0
150 Ready Italy	7	12	0
150 D. Box Jan.			
Opening	1550		
Highest	1580		
Lowest	1550		
Close	1574		
150 B. Box Feb.	1564		

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Dec. 19.

MILLS—
Bharat 28 28-4
B. Dyeing 1052-8 56-14 53-12 60-10 55
C. India 265 70 66-8 67
Century 285 81-4
Colaba 77 80-8
E. Textiles 290
Elphinstone 61-8
Finlay 290 89 90
Gokak 255 54 60 56
I. U. Defd. 2-4 2-4-6 2-4-3
" Ord. 13-13 13-11 13-13-6 13-11
Indore 152-8 48-12 56-14 52-8 67-8 56-4 60
Khatau 190
Kohinoor 346 45 48-8 44 45-8
Laxmi 605 (Ex-Div.)
Madhusudan 151-4
Meyer 90-10 92-8
Minerva 134-6
Model 151-4
Morarji 185 90 85
New City 197-8
New Great 174 77
Podar 150
Phoenix 130.
Simplex 277 80 77 77/8.
Svadeshi 318 15/8 17 15/8 19/9 16 17/8
Swan 370.
Tata Mills 53/8 55.
C. P Rly 114/4.
B. Steam 66/4 60.
Scindia 16/11 16/13 16/9 16/13/6 16/9 16/10.

BANKS
Baroda 127 28.
Central 80/4 80 80/8 80/4.
Central New 80/4 80.
Imperial 1990 95.
Imperial New 491/4.
India 179 79/8.
Union 7/3.
U Commercial 46 46/8 46.

ELECTRICS
Ahmedabad 116/4 15/10.
Ahmedabad New 112/4 12.
Andhra 1470.
Suburban 148/12.
Power 1622/8 17/8.
Pref. 1350.
New India 67/4 68 67/4

STEELS:—
B. Steel 23/5 23/7 23/3 23/4 23/2
I. Iron 32/9 32/10 32/6/6 32/7/6 32/4 32/5
Jam Wire 30
Tata Defd 1902/8 12/8 1/4 17/8 1895 1902/8
Tata Ord. 364/8 66 64/8 66/12 62/8 63/12
Tata 2nd Pref 138/12 39/12

MISCELLANEOUS:—
Alcock 350 46/14
A.C.C. 177 77/12 77 77/8
Belapur 285 92 87 89/8 87
B.B. Old 493/12 96/4 92/8
B.B. New 162/8
B.B. Petrol 1/10 1/9/9
B.I.C. 9/7 9/8 9/6 9/6/6
I. Copper 3/2/6 3/3/3 3/3
P Const. 129/8 29 29/8 28
P. 2nd Pref 99/8
Shivrajpur 56 57/8 57
Tata Chem. 15/2 15/8 15/5 15/8 15/6
Tata Oil 45/8 45 45/12 45/8
Walchandnagar 176/4
Wimco 266/4 70

SPECIAL:—
National Bank Ord. 68/12

AHMEDABAD STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 19.

The following are the closing quotations of the Ahmedabad stock exchange. Calico 322-12, Ambika 370, Arvind 874, Defd. 1904, New Shorock 633, New Rajpur 195, Rusotm Jahangir 90, Jaangir 170 Marsden 157, Monogram 146, Lall 260, Rohit 122-8, Vivakanand 172-8, Saraspur 312-8, New Textile 622-8, Jupiter 302-8, Arun 405, Ashok 411, Atul 111, and Silver Cotton 247-8 Sayaji 158-12.

Calico opened at 321, (high 324, low 321) and closed at 322-12, Ambika opened at 365, (high 372, low 369) and closed at 370. Arvind opened at 875, (high 876, low 867) and closed at 874. Defd. opened at 1915, (high 1918, low 1898) and closed at 1904. New Shorock at high 636, low 630 and closed at 633.

The tone of steel shares was weak due to low production of steel but that of other shares was good.

Indian Cotton Figures

BOMBAY, Dec. 18.

	Bales.
Exports by Rail from 1st September '50 to 14th December '50	118102
Estimated Mill consumption in Bombay from 1st September 1950 to 14th December 1950	197000
Same period last year	275358
Estimated stock of raw cotton held by Exporters, Dealers and Mills in Bombay on 14th December 1950	365009
Same time last year	350066

London Pepper Market

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The market was neglected but Malabar was firmly held. Black Lampong December shipment nominally 10 shillings, White Muntok at 17 shillings 7 1/2 pence shipping weight with White Sarawak 18 shillings 1 1/2 pence delivered weight per pound C.I.F. basis ports. Malabar afloat was 1,325 to 1,400 shillings asked, December shipment 1,230, January 1,160 and March 1,110 shillings per cwt. C.I.F. United Kingdom.

BILL TO REGULATE FORWARD TRADING

TRANSACTIONS IN STOCK EXCHANGES EXCLUDED

NEW DELHI, Dec 19. (PTI).

THE Commerce Minister, Mr. Sri Prakasa, introduced in Parliament today a bill seeking to provide for the regulation of forward trading, the prohibition of options in goods and for other allied matters.

Transactions in stock exchanges have been excluded from the scope of the bill since, it is explained, the regulation of stock exchanges have some special features of its own and can best be treated separately.

It is, however, considered desirable to prohibit options altogether since they unduly increase the volume of speculations and have on the whole a demoralising effect on the market.

PROVISIONS

The regulatory provisions of the Bill, says the statement of objects, will be extended by notification to different classes of goods and to different areas as and when it is considered necessary to do so. The main principle underlying these provisions is that forward contracts, other than non-transferable specific delivery in goods, to which the regulatory provisions are made applicable, should be allowed to be entered into only in accordance with the rules and bye-laws of a recognised association. The rules and bye-laws of every recognised association will be subject to the approval of the Central Government. The Central Government will have the power (A) to direct any recognised association to amend its rules, (B) to amend the bye-laws of such association and (C) to appoint one persons as the representative of the Central Government and not more than three persons representing the interests not directly represented through membership of the association, as member or members of governing body of such association.

SPECIFIC DELIVERY

Regarding non-transferable specific delivery contracts, the statement says "where the exclusion of non-transferable specific delivery contracts from the regulatory provisions of the Bill is found to have led to abuses, it will be necessary to make any or all these provisions applicable to such contracts. It is considered desirable that these powers should be available if it becomes necessary to use them.'

When the proposed Bill is enacted, the existing state acts relating to forward contracts will cease to operate to the extent to which they are inconsistent with the Central Act.

REVISION DONE

In order to assist the Central Government in the exercise of the powers sought to be taken under the proposed bill, it is considered desirable that a commission to be called "The Forward Markets Commision" should be established.

The commission will also assist the Central Government in co-ordinating the action taken and the policies pursued by the various authorities to whom the Central Government may have to delegate some of the powers conferred upon it by this act.

The Government prepared a draft bill on this subject in February last and circulated it to State Governments, the Reserve Bank of India, Chambers of Commerce and various other interests concerned, in order to elicit their views on it. In July last, the comments received from various sources were referred to an expert committee, presided over by Mr. A. D. Shroff. The present revised bill takes due account of these comments and the recommendations of the expert committee.

BUILDING PLANS IN BOMBAY CITY

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Government has decided that the plans, specifications etc., in respect of buildings proposed to be constructed and the plans for additions and alterations in the buildings already constructed on land leased out by the Government in the City of Bombay, which under the existing orders are to be approved by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, should in future be scrutinized and approved by the Architect to Government in all cases. The Architect to Government will, therefore, hereafter perform the duties assigned to the Chief Engineer in the lease agreement in respect of the aforesaid plans, specifications etc.

X'MAS CONCESSIONS TO SHOPS

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The provisions of the Bombay Shops and Establishments Act 1948, regarding the hours of closure, the daily spread over of work and the weekly holiday for employees have been suspended on certain conditions by the Government of Bombay, for the coming Christmas.

From December 23 to 26, shops will be allowed to remain open till 10 p.m. and restaurants and eating houses allowed to sell goods of the kind sold in shops till that hour. In the case of shops, spread over should not exceed 16 hours in a day.

Restaurants and eating houses will be allowed to remain open till 4 a.m. for the purpose of holding dances only on any two days from December 24 to January 1.

If any employee is required to work in excess of the limits specified in the Act, he should be paid for the excess work at the rate of over-time work, and if he loses any of the prescribed holidays, he should be granted either an equal number of holidays in exchange after January 1 or wages for the work done on such holidays at the rate of overtime work.

Tax On Brokers In Cattle Markets

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Government of Bombay has prescribed Rs. 20 per annum as the maximum rate of tax, which a village panchayat can levy on brokers or 'dalals' in cattle markets. Under the rules made for the purpose, a panchayat can levy such a tax with the approval of the District Local Board concerned and the prior sanction of the Government.

Every broker or 'dalal' will have to obtain a licence from the village paichayat concerned to do business in a cattle market and must conform to the conditions of the licence. The broker's tax is payable in advance for the year and no remission is allowed even if a broker has done business for a part of the year only.

The Village Panchayat Rules for the levy of a tax on brokers or 'dalals' in cattle markets have been published in Part IV-B of the Bombay Government Gazette of November 16 1950.

Industrial Dispute

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The industrial disputes between the Vegetable Vitamin Foods Company, Limited, Sion (Greater Bombay), the Burmah Shell Oil Storage and Distributing Company of India, Limited, Bombay, the Metal Box Company of India Limited, Bombay, the Oriental Dyeing and Printing Works, Bombay, and the Surat Bus Company, Surat, and their respective workers, have been referred by the Government of Bombay for adjudication, the first two to the Industrial Tribunal of Shri I G Thakore, the third to that of Shri K C. Sen and the last two to that of Shri Salim M. Merchant.

The dispute in the Burmah Shell is confined to the workers at its depots at Poona, Ahmednagar, Manmad, Sholapur and Satara Road.

AMERICAN MARKETS

COMMISSION HOUSE BUYING IN COTTON MARKET

Brisk Trading In Wall Street

NEW YORK, December 18.

Modest opening gains were sharply extended under the leadership of lower priced new crops reflecting renewal of Commission House demand with the acute scarcity of contracts intensifying the upturn in these positions. The trade purchased old crops both for mill and export account which readily absorbed hedging partly through leading spot houses. The upturn reflected the strength of securities on prospects of a much larger military demand for cotton goods together with anticipation of a larger export movement.

WALL STREET MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.

In very brisk trading, prices were pusned to liberally distributed gains of fractions to one dollar or more. Buyers were eager for issues which would fare best in the rearmament period ahead. Trading became even brisker as recurrent waves of profittaking hit the market. Though prices in numerous instances declined at times recoveries quickly followed and the list still showed gains of fractions to one dollar or more with wider advances for a few selected issues. In the afternoon buyers were encouraged to extend their activities after the market had absorbed profittaking with no particular damage Led by Industrials especially oils the market moved to gains mostly of fractions to two dollars or more. The session closed firm.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.
NEW YORK COTTON

March	42.99+34
May	42.46+44
July	42.03+38
October	38.88+56
Middling Spot	44.10+33

March highest 42.99 at 15-00 hrs. Lowest 42.60 at 10-07 hrs.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, December 18.

2 1/2 per cent British Consols	£71
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan 1961	£96-1/4
4 per cent Funding Loan 1960/90	£106-7/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan on or after Dec 1, 1952	£94-3/16
Chartered Bank of India	£9-1/8
Mercantile Bank of India	£22-3/4
National Bank of India	£32
Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank	£77-1/2

London Bullion

LONDON, December 18.

LONDON: Silver spot and forward	70 pence
Gold bars fine per ounce	£12:8:0

Singapore Pepper Prices

SINGAPORE, Dec. 18.

The Pepper market was quietly steady with both Black Lampong and White Muntok unchanged at 530 and 970 dollars per picul respectively.

LONDON EXCHANGES

LONDON, December 18.

EXCHANGES: T. T. London on	
New York	2.7987/2.8012
Montreal	2.94-1/2/2.95
Stockholm	14.47/14.50
Switzerland	12.23/12.26

Alexandria Cotton

ALEXANDRIA Dec. 18.

KARNAK	
Jan.	125.00+30
Mar.	127.75+65
May	129.25+90
July	130.15+90
ASHMOUNI	
Dec.	131.50—135
Feb.	123.70+ 20
April	125.85+130
June	125.55+130

Brussels Stocks Drift Lower

BRUSSELS, Dec. 18.

The Bourse turned heavy with prices drifting lower after an irregular start. Union Miniere exceptionally moved to a minor gain. Coals, metals and brass works were heavy on the Spot markets where most of the other sections displayed narrow irregularity.

Paris Bourse Week

PARIS, Dec. 18.

The weakness reflected anxiety over the international situation which was accentuated by the Soviet note. Price changes were wider than most of last week's movement. Gold shares did not escape the general downtrend although bivvoors were relatively steady. Indo-Chinese were particularly vulnerable while Banks and French Industrials were also lower. Rentes were fairly resistant but business was light. Rantes considered cheap in view of the coupon payment due at the end of the year.

Amsterdam Exchange Quiet

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.

Dealings were mainly confined to bonds. Shares were weaker although Royal Dutch improved from the lowest. Sentiment throughout was very quiet but there was some improvement towards the close, especially among plantations. Investments were irregular with AKU weak and Americans at a premium.

AERODROME FOR MANGALORE

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mangalore, a seaport 500 miles south of Bombay, and Kandla, in the Gulf of Cutch, are to have aerodromes providing aerial links with the international airport of Santa Cruz, it was learnt here today.

Both Mangalore and Kandla are linked by railway with the hinterland. Kandla is to be developed as a major port on the west coast and a refugee township called "Gandhidham" is fast growing.

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Displaced Government Servants' P. F. Dues

QUESTION TAKEN UP WITH PAKISTAN OFFICIALS

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)
NEW DELHI Dec. 19.

PENSIONS and provident fund dues of displaced Government servants,, payment by Pakistan for military stores and delays in verification of claims by the Pakistan authorities of contractors for work done during the pre-partition period are some of the major items which the Government of India are understood to be discussing with Pakistan officials at the conference now being held in New Delhi.

The problem of settling pension and provident fund claims of displaced government servants has been an acute one. Nearly 17,000 of such claims have been registered with the Claims Organisation of the Ministry of Rehabilitation. The Government of India have, as a special case and in order to relieve great hardships that such displaced persons are undergoing introduced as interim relief a scheme whereby those displaced government servants whose pensions have already been sanctioned will be given relief to the full extent of their monthly pensions provided they are in possession of their pension papers or can adduce proof normally required for the payment of provisional pensions.

Relief to the extent of fifty per cent subject to the maximum of Rs. 150 per month has been provided for other categories of employees whose pension papers are not yet complete. Those who have provident deposits will also be paid allowances according to the circumstances of each case subject to the maximum of Rs. 100 per month. This relief scheme applies to persons who came from West Pakistan before October 1, 1948, and does not apply to the claims arising out of the divided provinces of Bengal and Punjab.

MODE OF RECOVERY

The conference now being held will discuss about the methods of recovery of current payments made to such displaced persons. In regard to military stores, an agreement was reached at Karachi between the India and Pakistan in May 1948 whereby the Government of India agreed to pay in sterling to His Majesty's Government for military stores left in undivided India.

These payments have already been made as part of sterling transactions between the two governments. Pakistan's share of payments due to India out of this payment remains outstanding to the extent of Rs. 16 crores. This, in fact, constitutes one of the main demands of India which the conference will discuss with a view to arriving at an early settlement on the issue.

CONTRACTORS

Another important item on the agenda is to make payment to contractors for work done in undivided India during the pre-partition period. In 1948, the Government of India had taken over as a very special case and in order to avoid hardship to the parties concerned the initial liability for payment to those contractors. It was also decided that Pakistan's share of these payments will be adjusted in due course.

The total number of claims registered came to nearly 66,000 involving an amount of Rs. 10 crores. The Government of India have already paid the contractors to the extent of nearly five and half crores of rupees but difficulties have arisen because of the delay in having the claims originating in Pakistan and verified by the Pakistan Government.

In fact, upto date, nearly 1/3 of these claims are awaiting verification from Pakistan.

The urgent issue is to expedite such verification so that contractors both in India and Pakistan are not put to further hardship for work done over three years back.

SUMMARY TRIALS FOR FOOD OFFENDERS

CALCUTTA, Dec. 19. (UPI): To check food adulteration, smoke and "khatal" nuisance etc. in the city, the Calcutta Corporation has devised for the first time in history, a new method of running mobile courts for summary trials of cases and disposing them of on the spot under the Calcutta Municipal Act.

The first such mobile court with municipal magistrate will be out in the streets tomorrow, it is learnt. The Chief Executive Officer and the Health Officer of the Corporation discussed with the Magistrate today details about the formation of the Court.

U. N. Should Not Show Any Weakness

U.S. SENATORS' VIEW

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (PTI).

UNITED STATES' policy towards war and peace and the Korean situation both from the Democratic and Republican points of view was explained today to Pressmen by two American Senators Mr. Theodore Francis Green and Mr. Homer Ferguson now in Delhi on their way back after attending the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference at Sydney.

"The war in Korea is United Nations" war and not an American war", they said, adding: "Fifty-two nations have not only jointly declared aggression as an international crime but for the first time in the history of mankind they are implementing the principle. If the United Nations are unable successfully to stop this aggresion in Korea we very much fear that the world will consider that the principle underlying United Nations has failed.

Senator Green

"No one nation should attempt to keep pace of the world since it is a joint problem. If the United Nations show any weakness, it will gradually disappear and if a few nations only are going to send men and materials, it will not be able to function at all.

Justifying the crossing of the 38th Parallel in spite of Mr. Nehru's suggestion, Senator Ferguson said that the principle of stopping at the 38th Parallel would have been a "grave mistake" and the only way of stopping aggression of the North Koreans would be to have a united Korea. Nevertheless it was for the United Nations to decide and the United Nations had sanctioned the crossing of the line. There was never a note saying that they should stop at the 38th Parallel."

CURZON PARK MURDER CASE

Death Sentence On The Accused

CALCUTTA Dec. 19. (UPI): On the unanimous verdict of guilty given by the special jury Mr. N. Justice Roxburgh, presiding over the Calcutta High Court sessions sentenced Joyanta Kumar Roy Choudhury (21) alias Manu to death, who was charged under Section 302, IPC with having murdered the deceased Sudhindra Nath Bose alias Pintu on May 31st last in what is popularly known as 'Curzon Park Murder Case".

The prosecution produced in the course of evidence, letters written by the accused to the father of the deceased, wherein he had demanded a ransom of Rs 4,000 for the return of the body which eventually led to the arrest of the accused. The body was found dead at Curzon Park with a handkerchief tied round his neck.

PHYSICIANS CONFERENCE: A conference of displaced indigenous physicians will be held in Bombay in the first week of February 1951, it is announced. A reception committee has been formed at Sindhu Nagar, Kalyan camp, 30 miles from Bombay.

Supplementary Demands

BIGGEST ITEMS ARE DEFENCE AND DPs

(From Our Special Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19: Supplementary demands for grants amounting to Rs. 21,95,91,000 charged to the Railways, Rs. 29,48,06,000 charged to the Central Revenues and Rs. 9,64,20,000 charged to Capital will be presented to Parliament during the week.

The biggest items included in demands are Defence Services Rs. 16,55,-02,000 and expenditure on displaced persons Rs. 74,00,000.

The original defence estimates, it is explained, were based on certain assumptions which it was hoped would enable the Government to reduce the armed forces during the financial year. However due to circumstances beyond control, the expectations about the reduction in strength did not materialise.

Certain concessions recently granted to the armed forces officers were not provided for in the budget. Again consequent on an improvement in the delivery position particularly in respect of imported stores, larger receipts of defence stores involved correspondingly increased expenditure. There was also general increase in the price of imported stores.

The other excess is due to larger expenditure on relief than anticipated as a result of the recommendations of the high power committee namely Rs. 15,00,000 and additional requirements for relief and rehabilitation of displaced persons from East Pakistan, Rs. 7,25,00,000.

OTHER CAUSES

Other demands which have swelled expenditure are: Posts and Telegraphs Department: Rs. 96,80,000; Delhi Administration: Rs. 90 lakhs; Currency: Rs. 77,53,000; Stamps: Rs. 50 lakhs; Communications: Rs. 50 lakhs; External Affairs: Rs. 36 lakhs; Centrally Administered areas other than Delhi: Rs. 33,50,000; Agriculture: Rs. 30 lakhs; Census: 22,29,000.

The Revenue budget, it will be recalled, had shown a small surplus of seventy-nine lakhs. On the basis of revenue as anticipated on April 1, 1950, the revenue budget has already become a deficit by over 28 1/2 crores. But on the revenue side the gross receipts from customs and excise during the seven months ending October totalled Rs. 116 crores as against Rs. 124 crores during the corresponding period of 1949.

The increased export duties, however, should provide a windfall to the exchequer. The yield from taxes on income is believed to be according to anticipation. Two important and inescapable conclusions emerge out of this. Firstly, the warning by the Finance Minister during the devaluation debate that India had been living beyond its means has not been heeded by the spending ministries.

Secondly, even the remote traces of a ten per cent cut which was so widely publicised last autumn have been uprooted by the supplementary demands.

FAILURE

The Finance Minister in this, connection, publicly admitted the failure of his campaign for economy. It is no secret that the total sum the ministries agreed to save amounted to Rupees seventy-four lakhs against the additional demands for nearly thirty crores.

As indicated by the Finance Minister, his Secretary Mr. K. R. K. Menon has prepared the plan for economy which is now under examination. It is unfortunate that the issue of food subsidies was crowded out at the Bombay conference of Food Ministers. The subsidy, it will be recalled, was intended to bring down the price level of imported foodgrains to that of homegrown foodgrains. Prices of domestic foodgrains are now higher than those of imported foodgrains and the Centre, therefore, holds that the need for subsidy amounting to Rs 25 crores no longer exists. The State Governments are, however, unwilling to surrender the amount which they hold that they have acquired as a lien.

Tenants' Satyagraha

MUSSOORIE, Dec. 19 (PTI): The Tenants' Association of Mussoorie today resumed satyagraha which it had suspended a week ago for reduction of house rents in the city. The police arrested one person today for picketing in front of a banking concern in defiance of the ban imposed by the District Magistrate yesterday.

Miss Shakuntala Devi, famous Indian mathematical genius, gave a demonstration of her remarkable powers at the Asian Institute Gallery, in London. Nineteen year old Miss Shakuntala comes from a small village near Bangalore and has been doing lightning calculations since she was five. She has appeared before the television cameras and answered the most complicated arithmetical problems without the slightest hesitation. Photo Shows: Miss Shakuntala giving square roots of nine figure combination chosen by the audience during her demonstration. She gives the answers almost before the chalk finished the last figure on the black-board.

Limited State Trade In Jute

(From Our Special Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19: State trading on an extremely limited scale is envisaged in jute, it is learned. Notwithstanding the enhanced duty of Rs. 1,500 per ton, there is still a margin between Indian and American prices of jute goods. It is however not proposed to disturb the export of jute goods at controlled prices to recognised American importers.

As for the other, it is proposed to consign jute goods to Indian Trade Counsellors in America who would auction them to the highest bidder and thereby earn the marginal profit for the Government.

An early decision is expected.

TWO MORE DIE IN PLANE TRAGEDY

Forced Landing In East Pakistan

CALCUTTA, Dec. 19, (PTI): Two more persons have died in Tangai hospital, bringing the total death roll to four as a result of the emergency landing of the Gauhati-bound Airways India dakota on Sunday.

Fumes were deteted in the luggage hold attached to the passenger cabin and the pilot, Captai Bnlake (Briton), immediately mad ean emergency landing on the Brahmapiutra bed near Tangail about 50 miles north-west of Dacca.

Many of the passengers and two of the crew who went to the former's rescue inhaled fumes and four of them later died in hospital.

An amphibious plane left Calcutta this morning with three doctors and a supply of medicine and oxygen.

Three of the bodies were also brought to Calcutta this morning. The four dead are: Radio Officer Sen. Flying Officer Mukherjee Mr. H. P Chandra and Mr. D. N. Himatsinghka (passengers).

Six of the 17 passengers are still in the Tangail hospital. The Air hostess and the Captain of the plane are also in Tangail. Nine passengers are on their way to Calcutta.

According to a message received by the Airline from the captain of the aircraft, "smouldering fumes" were observed in the luggage hold attached to the passenger cabin and hence the pilot made an emergency landing near Tangail.

The captain's message added that "some parcles were suspected to contain inflamable chemicals".

Meanwhile, a Government of India inspector of aircraft is leaving for Tangail tomorrow for an inquiry into the incident.

The French Pull Out

SAIGON, Dec. 19 (PTI-Reuter). The French outpost at Dinh Lap 90, miles north-east of Hanoi, has withdrawn several miles to the south-east to enable French forces to defend a more suitable terrain, a French military spokesman here said today.

The executive of the Congress Party in the U.P. Legislative Assembly has appointed a five-man sub-committee to select a Congress nominee for the election of Speaker.

Besieged Governor Holding Out

PROVISIONS WILL LAST 2 MONTHS

BIRATNAGAR, Dec. 19 (UPI): An officer of the Rana forces who had been arrested by the insurgents and was later released told the UPI correspondent that the beseiged Governor's residence had provisions to last for three months.

Two hundred Gurkha soldiers manned the beleaguered place. He said that the Government forces had ultilised the respite after the first fighting about a fortnight back to erect fortifications and pile up provisions and ammunition.

The Governor of Biratnagar, Col. Uttam Vikram Rana with his family consisting of his wife, two sons, 25 and 35 years of age, one young daughter and a daughter-in-law is holding out and has so far ignored the insurgents' call to surrender. He has also refused a safe conduct guaranteed from the Nepali Congress leader, Mr. B. P. Koirala.

Mr. Koirala said he wanted to avoid unnecessary blood-sheed.

The Congress forces now appear to be preparing to blast the walls of the Governor's palace with high explosives.

Beggars Claim Their Rights To Beg

(From Our Correspondent)
KARACHI, Dec. 19.

Even beggars are asking for the safeguards of their rights in Pakistan.

This is evident from the fact that local beggars held their mass meeting in Gandhi Gardens to protest against the increasing harassment by police authorities. Much emphasis was laid on their right to beg and with a view to safeguard their interests, a ten-man committee was appointed which will also wait on deputation on the Administrator, the Collector, the Superintendent of Police and other local authorities.

Plane And Donkey Cart Collision

(From Our Correspondent)
KARACHI, Dec. 19.

A strange accdent took place during the week-end when an aeroplane collided with a donkey-cart at the Drigh Road Aerodrome.

It is reported that a plane of the Karachi Aero Club at the time of coming down last its track and went over to the road where it collided with a passing donkey-cart. This resulted in some injuries to the donkey and partial damage to the plane. The pilot as also the donkey-cart driver escaped unhurt.

FIRE HAVOC

SURAT, Dec. 19 (PTI): Three houses and a stable near Athwa gate were gutted by fire this evening. The damage is esimated at Rs. 10,000.

BENGAL PRESS BODY: The Bengal Press Advisory Committee today condoled the death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister of India. Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh presided.

Sugar Quota To Be Cut

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The weekly ration of sugar, now being given to cardholders in the Bombay area, is likely to be reduced from next month, it is learnt.

It is gathered that the result of reduced allotment made by the Government of India to Bombay.

It may be remembered that the weekly six ounces ration of sugar was increased to eight during November just before the Diwali season. In view of lesser allotments the Government of Bombay, it is understood, will be unable to maintain this quota and is thinking of reverting to the earlier ration of six ounces a week.

Partial Lifting Of Sugar Control

(From Our Special Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19. The Delhi experiment of partial lifting of sugar rationing is likely to be extended to the whole of India.

In Delhi the Chief Commissioner has removed all restrictions on the movement, prices and sale of sugar. The sale of sugar in the open market has been legalised. Control over distribution to ration card and permit holders however continues.

In other words, the ration card holder is entitled to draw his sugar ration, which he is free to sell in the open market or to which he can add by purchasing in the open market.

The Government's permission to the mills to sell sugar above the fixed ceiling of production is responsible for this new policy.

DEMOCRATIC FRONT AND CONGRESS

Tandon's Letter

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (UPI): The Congress President, Mr. Purushottamdas Tandon, in the course of a letter to the General Secretary of the Democratic Front, Mr. Sadiq Ali, has stated that 'the Congress Working Committee have come to no decision yet on the constitutional aspect of the formation of the Democratic Front".

Releasing the correspondence that had passed between him and the Congress President, in this connection Mr Sadiq Ali in the course a statement says:—

"Sometime ago Mr. Kala Venkata Rao, the General Secretary of the Congress expressed in the South his opinion about the constitutional position of the Congress Democratic Front which was widely published in the press. This raised a nimportant constitutional issue.

The Congress President, Mr. Purushottamdas Tandon in the course of reply to Mr. Sadiq Ali dated Dec. 9. wrote:—

"I understand from Mr. Kala Venkata Rao that answering a question put by a Congress worker at some railway station in the South he expressed his opinion that the Democratic Front could not be formed constitutionally within the Congress. That was his personal view. The Working Committee have come to no decision yet on the constitutional aspect of the formation of the Democratic Front. They attached more importance to the larger issues regarding which I have written to Kriplanai in my letter to him".

EXTENSION OF ACT AFTER EXPIRY

Important Point Of Law Raised

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (PTI): An important point of law, whether the authorisation to the central or a provincial government for the extension of an Act after the expiry of the period for which the enactment had been made amounted to delegation of the legislative powers to the executive or not, has been referred by a Delhi Sub-Judge to the Punjab High Court.

The question arose in a suit for the determination of rent in which a Delhi landlord, Mr. B. N. Bhambari challenged the validity of the Delhi-Merwar-Ajmer Rent Control Act on the ground that the extension of the Act by the Central Government after its expiry on March 23, 1949 was 'ultra vires' of the legislature. He asserted that the proviso to subsection 3 of Section 1 of the Act which stated that the Central Government could, after the expiry of the life of the Act, extended the same for another two years after a notification in Gazette was tantamoun to delegation of powers by the Parliament to the Government.

Notice To Prakasam And His Supporters

MADRAS, Dec. 19 (UPI).—Mr. T. Prakasam has been today served by the Madras Congress Legislature Party with a notice to show cause why disciplinary action should not be taken against him for contravening the party resolution calling upon him not to move his motion relating to charges against some Ministers in the Assembly.

Five of his supporters have also been similarly asked to explain their conduct in "violating the directive of the party calling upon them not to support Mr. Prakasam's motion."

They have been asked to submit their replies by January 2, 1951.

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

I HAD quite a shock recently. In a feeble and utterly despicable attempt to explain how I slept through whilst some fellow, who had broken into my house, lifted my watch off the bedside table, I asked the inevitable police officer who was hearing my complaint if there was anything in these stories about powders being thrown on one which bring on a drugged sleep. He answered slowly, "There is a powder: It is called mesmerism. Some passes and people just pass out."

This seemed an extremely funny answer and I wondered whether I was wholly-headed or what. A helpful colleague at the office informs me that mesmerism is jargon or argot, and must mean the sleeping powder. But there is a lot of talk about mesmerism in the air. And there are one or two cases which are worth looking into.

The pattern is always the same. There might be minor variations. A man comes up to a member of the public who is simple and looks it, asks for a match or the time or for alms, makes a few passes over him with his hands, and, heigh Presto! the victim wakes up a few hours later, miles away from the scene, minus his cash, without the foggiest idea how it all happened.

Usually the simpleton has asked for trouble by manifesting a desire to double the money on him or some such ignoble ambition and is little inclined to create a row about it all. Sometimes. this romantic story is put out to explain away more prosaic losses on the turf or the stock exchange.

I am not disposed to waste much sympathy on such grown men who ought to be able to look after themselves. But in case you are ever in this predicament, let me give you a tip: Don't loiter on the roads and don't go about fooling with strange men. If you believe in the mesmerism stunt, then a further hint will not be out of place: The great Cheiro has set it down that, when he went to see Rasputin, knowing the tremendous magnetic force of the Russian monk, he looked not into Rasputin's eyes but at a spot between them. A procedure which, you might say, is likely to produce a cross-eyed effect but one that obviously worked.

That apart, the latest victims are little children and the whole business takes on a distinctly unpleasant smell. The other night, a ten-year old daughter of a friend of mine wandered home in a dazed state, lay down in bed, and promptly passed out in a coma. Hours later she was still under some kind of hypnotic influence, and kept repeating, "That man is calling me; I want to go with that man". Next day, she told her parents how a stranger had met her, made her part with the trinkets she had on—and then a blank. She had stumbled home by pure instinct.

I realise that this kind of crime is hard to detect, in the absence of witnesses and with the victim totally unaware of the identity of the culprit. But something had better be done and quick to allay the uneasiness that is fast taking hold of the public. There are all sorts of freaks making all kinds of claims in the city.

It is all very well to say that the evil can only be cured by educating people out of their superstitions. But education is a long process. Meanwhile are the quacks to be allowed to flourish, battening on the credulity of the people and working on children of tender age? Making an example of a few of the "magicians" will have a magic effect on the rest. The Orissa Government, though belatedly, has done the right thing in putting its hands on the miracle-working Rantalai cowherd. Instead of waiting for things to happen, it would be well if there is little rounding up of our vagrant quacks and fakes. And a beginning might well be made with the fortune-tellers who abound in the city. Probably, several rackets too will be brought to an automatic end.

AITUC Official Resigns

MADRAS, Dec. 19 (PTI): Mr. K. S. Janakiraman, Assistant Secretary, All-India Trade Union Congress, today announced his resignation of his office and also his membership of the AITUC.

In a statement he said: "All-India Trade Union Congress, as at present constituted today, is no more than a collection of Communists working in the trade union front, and if it bids fair to regain its original glory and splandour, it should take concrete steps to restore confidence in the minds of workers."

"In the absence of any concrete manifestation of the AITUC's desire for consolidating the ranks of the workers into a single organisation, I am compelled to seek a broader avenue than the AITUC to implement my desire for genuine trade union solidarity," he said.

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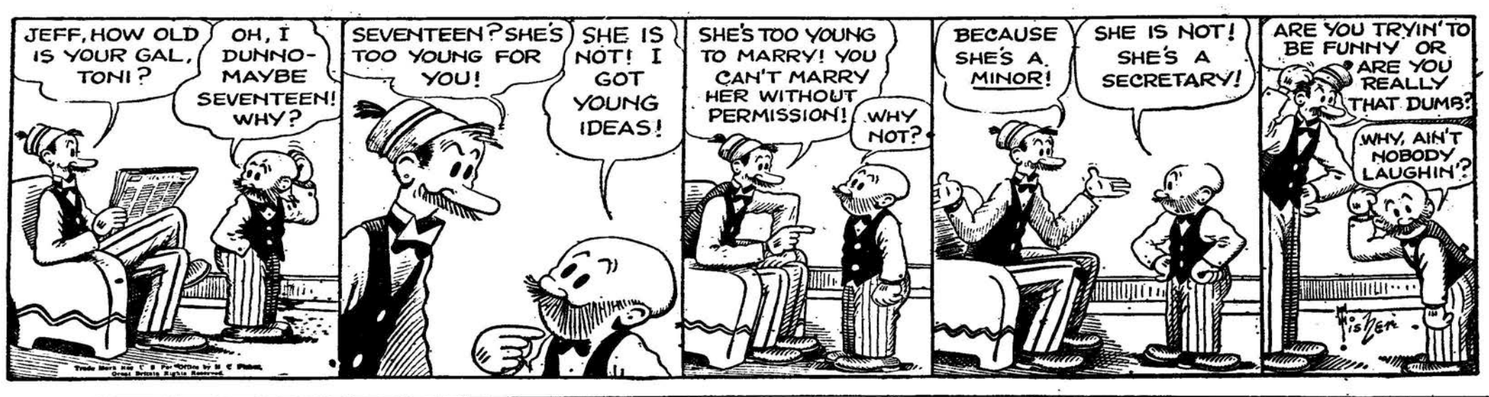
MUTT AND JEFF—And Jeff Is No Chicken Raiser At That

By BUD FISHER


JEFF, HOW OLD IS YOUR GAL, TONI?
OH, I DUNNO- MAYBE SEVENTEEN! WHY?
SEVENTEEN? SHE'S TOO YOUNG FOR YOU!
SHE IS NOT! I GOT YOUNG IDEAS!
SHE'S TOO YOUNG TO MARRY! YOU CAN'T MARRY HER WITHOUT PERMISSION!
WHY NOT?
BECAUSE SHE'S A MINOR!
SHE IS NOT! SHE'S A SECRETARY!
ARE YOU TRYIN' TO BE FUNNY OR ARE YOU REALLY THAT DUMB?
WHY, AIN'T NOBODY LAUGHIN'?
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